Salisbury College State

Men's Basketball 1984-85

10th in Nation

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REGGIE ALEXANDER

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	28	16	44	.364	19	32	.594	52	1.9	10	6	3	0	10	22	51	1.8

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
FRESHMAN	9th on Team	7th on Team	9th on Team	3rd on Team
HIGH GAME	9 pts - ST M 84-85	5 reb - SEVERAL 84-85	1 stl - SEV 84-85	1 chg - SEV 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1984-85

DEFENSE: (10)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, keep low and take away options
DENYING BALL - Excellent, work on fighting picks
HELPING - Excellent, work on seeing ball at all times
REBOUNDING - Good, work on finding someone to block out
TALKING - Needs Work, communicate all the time on court

OFFENSE: (9)

SCORING - Needs Work, work on short jumper and inside moves
GETTING OPEN - Good, keep moving without ball, time cuts
PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, concentrate on receiving the ball all the way
PICKING - Good, always hit man and open to ball
REBOUNDING - Excellent, Keep going to the boards

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RIK BAIR

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1982-83	10	8	13	.615	4	7	.571	16	1.6	3	3	0	1	3	7	20	2.0
1984-85	5	2	4	.500	1	2	.500	4	0.8	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	1.0
	15	10	17	.588	5	9	.556	20	1.3	3	4	0	1	4	9	25	1.7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS
FRESHMAN	12th on Team	8th on Team	10th on Team
SOPHOMORE	14th on Team	14th on Team	12th on Team
HIGH GAME	8 pts - GALL 82-83	6 reb - GALL 82-83	1 stl - SEVERAL 82-83 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1982-83

DEFENSE: (4)

MAN WITH BALL - Needs Work, work on keeping low and moving feet
DENYING BALL - Needs Work, work on anticipating and fight picks
HELPING - Good, work on stepping up to stop penetration
REBOUNDING - Fair, work on hitting someone and going to boards
TALKING - Fair, communicate constantly on defense

OFFENSE: (6)

SCORING - Fair, work on 2 or 3 shots around basket & master them
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on timing cuts to get open
PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, make yourself wide when catching ball
PICKING - Fair, look to hit someone, then open up to ball
REBOUNDING - Fair, go to boards on every shot

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RALPH BALTIMORE

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	26	99	162	.611	26	36	.722	71	2.7	30	23	1	12	43	50	224	8.6

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS	BLOCKED SHOTS
SOPHOMORE	5th on Team	4th on Team	7th on Team	3rd on Team
HIGH GAME	18 pts - ROAN 84-85	8 reb - FROST 84-85	4 stl - CATH 84-85	2 bs - SEVERAL 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1984-85

SSC CAREER SCORING

49th ranked 224

DEFENSE: (2)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, get up close and take away options
DENYING BALL - Needs Work, use your long arms in passing lane
HELPING - Needs Work, watch ball at all times, step up
REBOUNDING - Fair, work on hitting somenoe on every shot
TALKING - Needs Work, communicat constantly on defense

OFFENSE: (10)

SCORING - Excellent, work on short jumper and quick release
GETTING OPEN - Excellent, work on timing to get open at the right time
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, protect ball after getting it
PICKING - Fair, look to hit someone and open up to ball
REBOUNDING - Fair, go to boards on all shots - you will get many bounds

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BRETT CARTER

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1981-82	26	35	91	.385	10	14	.714	34	1.3	29	17	1	0	30	28	80	3.1
1983-84	27	73	173	.422	30	47	.638	73	2.7	43	19	0	1	37	52	176	6.5
1984-85	29	72	141	.511	36	55	.655	58	2.0	70	35	2	0	50	57	180	6.2
	82	180	405	.444	76	116	.655	165	2.0	142	71	3	1	117	137	436	5.3

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
SOPHOMORE	6th on team	6th on Team	6th on Team	6th on Team
JUNIOR	6th on Team	5th on Team	5th on Team	6th on Team
SENIOR	6th on Team	6th on Team	4th on Team	1st on Team
HIGH GAME	18 pts - SHEP 83-84	9 reb - FROST 84-85	6 ast - UMES 84-85	3 stl _ SEVERAL 83-84 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

3 yr Letter Winner 1981-85
Best Defensive Player. . . . 1984-85

SSC CAREER SCORING

32nd ranked . . . 436

SSC CAREER REBOUNDING

37th ranked . . . 165

Brett gave Salisbury State basketball three years of all out hustle in practices as well as games. He never missed a game and always came ready to play. Brett was willing to play any position as long as it helped the team. Consequently, he played forward as well as both point guard and the second guard his senior year. His team mates overwhelmingly chose him as the best defensive player in 1984-85. He gave up his offensive game to defend against the opponent's toughest perimeter player. Brett will always be remembered as a true team player that was willing to sacrifice whatever the coach wanted to help the team. Brett is what sports is all about - his kind are very few and far between.

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LYLE GRANDISON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	2	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.0

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

REBOUNDING

FRESHMAN — 15th on Team

HIGH GAME — 1 reb - M WASH 84-85

DEFENSE: (4)

MAN WITH BALL - Needs Work, keep low and force the way you want
DENYING BALL - Fair, work on getting over picks
HELPING - Fair, see ball and step up to stop penetration
REBOUNDING - Fair, block out someone every time and protect ball
TALKING - Fair, communicate at all times on defense

OFFENSE: (2)

SCORING - Needs Work, work on rotation and short jumpers
GETTING OPEN - Fair, work on timing of cuts
PASS/RECEIVE - Needs Work, concentrate and protect ball
PICKING - Needs Work, hit somenoe and open up to ball
REBOUNDING - Fair, go to boards on all shots

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CUP HEBRON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	25	12	35	.343	11	20	.550	12	0.5	30	3	3	0	31	21	35	1.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
SOPHOMORE	11th on Team	6th on Team	10th on Team	3rd on Team
HIGH GAME	8 pts - ST M 84-85	5 ast - ST M 84-85	1 stl - SEVERAL 84-85	1 chg - SEVERAL 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1984-85

DEFENSE: (6)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, work on using your quickness to your advantage
DENYING BALL - Good, work on being in the passing lanes
HELPING - Fair, see ball at all times - step up to stop penetrator
REBOUNDING - Fair, should be better, block out on all shots
TALKING - Needs Work, communicate and be a leader

OFFENSE: (3)

SCORING - Needs Work, concentrate on shooting and when to drive
GETTING OPEN - Fair, work on timing to get open
PASS/RECEIVE - Needs Work, work on judgement of when to pass
PICKING - Fair, look to hit someone and open to ball
BALL HANDLING- Fair, concentrate and protect ball

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ED JONES

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1982-83	26	143	303	.472	40	56	.714	181	7.0	29	34	6	14	62	79	326	12.5
1983-84	27	152	278	.547	61	98	.622	272	10.1	30	26	2	20	63	82	365	13.5
1984-85	29	136	264	.515	54	80	.675	205	7.1	14	28	1	14	44	86	326	11.2
	82	431	845	.510	155	234	.662	658	8.0	73	88	9	48	169	247	1017	12.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS	BLOCKED SHOTS
SOPHOMORE	3rd on Team	2nd on Team	3rd on Team	1st on Team
JUNIOR	3rd on Team	1st on Team	3rd on Team	1st on Team
SENIOR	4th on Team	1st on Team	6th on Team	1st on Team
HIGH GAME	24 pts = SHEP 83-84	19 reb - ST. M 83-84	4stl - CNC & W.MD 82-83,83-84	3 blk - V.WES & FROST 83-84

HONORS RECEIVED

3 yr Letter Winner . . . 1982-85
Captain (2 years) . . . 1983-85
All Gull Classic 1983
MVP CIAC TOURN 1984
All CIAC (2 years) . . . 1983-85
All Maryland Collegiate. 1984

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING	SSC CAREER FG PCT
11th ranked . . . 1017	6th ranked . . . 658	9th ranked . . .510

Ed returned for graduate school to play his final year of eligibility for Salisbury State. Without a doubt, his presence in the middle had a lot to do with the Gulls gaining its first NCAA postseason tournament play. Ed always gave the full effort which showed up in his consistent rebounding, 8.0 per game for his career. At the same time Ed managed to drop in 1000 points while shooting over 50% for his career. As a two year captain, Ed exhibited the leadership necessary for the Gulls to have their best records over this span. It will be difficult for Ed not to be successful in life, because he gives all he has and still tries to reach for more.

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DAVE KLUNK

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1983-84	4	5	5	.999	3	4	.750	7	1.8	0	1	0	0	6	4	13	3.3
1984-85	5	6	9	.667	1	4	.250	10	2.0	0	1	0	0	4	3	13	2.6
	9	11	14	.786	4	8	.500	17	1.9	0	2	0	0	10	7	26	2.9

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS
FRESHMAN	12th on Team	11th on Team	10th on Team
SOPHOMORE	13th on Team	13th on Team	12th on Team
HIGH GAME	6pts - ST M 84-85	5 reb - ST M 84-85	1 stl - STM & M WASH 83-84 84-85

DEFENSE: (3)

MAN WITH BALL	- Needs Work, keep low and take away options
DENYING BALL	- Fair, work to keep in passing lane
HELPING	- Fair, see ball at all times
REBOUNDING	- Fair, block out every time a shot goes up
TALKING	- Needs Work, communicate constantly on defense

OFFENSE: (6)

SCORING	- Fair, work on shot selection
GETTING OPEN	- Good, work on timing and opening up
PASS/RECEIVE	- Needs Work, look to hit open man
PICKING	- Fair, look to hit someone every time
REBOUNDING	- Good, keep going to boards

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JOE McSHEA

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1982-83	23	10	32	.313	18	23	.783	10	0.4	35	10	5	0	22	20	38	1.7
1983-84	26	12	37	.324	8	16	.500	13	0.5	35	8	1	2	11	22	32	1.2
1984-85	29	37	67	.552	21	35	.600	37	1.3	93	31	2	0	35	50	95	3.3
	78	59	136	.434	47	74	.635	60	0.8	163	49	8	2	68	92	165	2.1

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
SOPHOMORE	9th on Team	4th on Team	8th on Team	4th on Team
JUNIOR	9th on Team	6th on Team	8th on Team	8th on Team
SENIOR	7th on Team	2nd on Team	5th on Team	7th on Team
HIGH GAME	13 pts - ST.M 84-85	11 ast - M.WASH 84-85	6 stl - YORK 84-85	1 chg - SEVERAL 82-83, 83-84 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

3 yr Letter Winner 1982-85
Best Hustler Award 1984-85

SSC CAREER SCORING

61st ranked . . . 165

SSC CAREER ASSISTS

14th ranked . . . 163

Joe had a great senior year. He took over as the floor leader during the second half of the Mary Washington game. From this point on , Joe started the rest of the games,leading the Gulls to a record nine consecutive wins and a playoff spot in the NCAA for the first time in the school's history. Joe may not have all the great stats, but the team and coaches know that Joe provided the glue to keep the team together when the pressure was on. And his first start came against one of the toughest Division III teams - Roanoke, a game that Joe fed the winning pass inside for a layup. A point guard often goes unnoticed, but a coach knows that this position can make or break a team. We had the best record in the school's history, Joe was the point guard - enough said.

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DAVE PAKULNIEWICZ

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1983-84	20	6	14	.429	4	7	.571	16	0.8	1	1	2	2	4	11	16	0.8
1984-85	22	7	20	.350	14	19	.737	16	0.7	0	0	1	2	5	18	28	1.3
	42	13	34	.382	18	26	.692	32	0.8	1	1	3	4	9	29	44	1.0

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	TAKE CHARGE	BLOCKED SHOTS
FRESHMAN	11th on Team	8th on Team	6th on Team	5th on Team
SOPHOMORE	12th on Team	10th on Team	9th on Team	7th on Team
HIGH GAME	6 pts - ST M & STOCK 83-84,84-85	4 reb - ST M 84-85	1 chg - SEVERAL 83-84 84-85	1 bs - SEVERAL 83-84 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

2 yr Letter Winner 1983-85

DEFENSE: (8)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, take away options and keep low
DENYING BALL - Excellent, continue to work over picks
HELPING - Good, see ball at all times and step up
REBOUNDING - Needs Work, you block out well but work on going to hoop
TALKING - Fair, communicate at all times on defense

OFFENSE: (4)

SCORING - Needs Work, only work on inside moves and shots
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on having a wide base
PASS/RECEIVE - Needs Work, work on selection and taking time
PICKING - Good, work on not fouling when setting picks
REBOUNDING - Needs Work, fly to boards on every shot

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DAVE PRITCHETT

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1982-83	18	59	124	.476	29	37	.784	104	5.8	35	38	2	3	39	50	147	8.2
1983-84	26	118	232	.509	60	83	.723	144	5.5	45	32	3	7	57	75	296	11.4
1984-85	29	147	281	.523	77	103	.748	153	5.3	92	33	15	13	58	84	371	12.8
	73	324	637	.509	166	223	.744	401	5.5	172	103	20	23	154	209	814	11.2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
FRESHMAN	6th on Team	4th on Team	4th on Team	1st on Team
SOPHOMORE	5th on Team	2nd on Team	4th on Team	1st on Team
JUNIOR	3rd on Team	3rd on Team	3rd on Team	4th on Team
HIGH GAME	28 pts - CATH 83-84	13 reb - GLASS 83-84	9 ast - WASH 84-85	4 stl - ST A & HAMIL 83-84 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

2 yr Letter Winner 1983-85
All Wild Goose Classic . . . 1984

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING	SSC CAREER ASSISTS	SSC CAREER STEALS
21st ranked ...814	16th ranked . . . 401	11th ranked . . 172	9th ranked . .103

DEFENSE: (9)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, keep low and player tighter with feet moving
DENYING BALL - Good, work on getting over picks
HELPING - Excellent, keep alert and step up to stop penetration
REBOUNDING - Good, keep blocking out and going to boards
TALKING - Fair, take leadership by communicating constantly

OFFENSE: (11)

SCORING - Excellent, good shot selection
GETTING OPEN - Good, look to time cuts better
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, protect ball close to body at all times
PICKING - Good, open up to ball after picking
REBOUNDING - Good, go every time to the boards

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RON PRITCHETT

YEAR	G	FGM	FTA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	27	148	312	.474	100	126	.794	175	6.5	40	34	3	3	68	74	396	14.7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
FRESHMAN	2nd on Team	2nd on Team	5th on Team	2nd on Team
HIGH GAME	26 pts - ROAN 84-85	12 reb - N PALTZ 84-85	4 ast - FROST C NEWP 84-85	3 stl - ROAN VA WES 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1984-85
All Scranton Tourn . . . 1984
ECAC Rookie of Week (2) . 1984-85
All NC WESLEYAN Tourn . . . 1984
MVP Gull Classic 1984

SSC CAREER SCORING

35th ranked . . 396

SSC CAREER REBOUNDING

34th ranked . . . 175

DEFENSE: (8)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, really improved here
DENYING BALL - Fair, work on getting over pick
HELPING - Fair, see ball at all times and step up to stop penetration
REBOUNDING - Excellent, Block out on every shot
TALKING - Fair, communicate at all times on defense

OFFENSE:(12)

SCORING - Excellent, keep looking to score in your scoring areas
GETTING OPEN - Excellent, time cuts with passer to be open at right time
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, Protect ball and receive well & select safe passes
PICKING - Good, Open up to ball after setting pick
REBOUNDING - Good, go boards on every shot

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RICK SHEETS

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	27	17	32	.531	7	12	.583	11	0.4	14	7	1	0	11	11	41	1.5

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
FRESHMAN	10th on Team	8th on Team	8th on Team	9th On Team
HIGH GAME	8 pts - ST M 84-85	5 ast _ ST M 84-85	2 stl - ROAN 84-85	1 chg _ ST M 84-85

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1984-85

DEFENSE: (4)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, work on anticipation
DENYING BALL - Fair, keep in passing lanes
HELPING - Fair, keep eye on ball and step up to help
TALKING - Needs Work, communicate all the time on defense
REBOUNDING - Needs Work, block out someone on every shot

OFFENSE: (5)

SCORING - Fair, work on hitting 15 foot jumper
GETTING OPEN - Needs Work, have to time cuts and want to get ball
PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, work on selection and getting ball inside
PICKING - Fair, work on hitting someone every time
BALL HANDLING- Good, use dribble more wisely

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SCOTT SMITH

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1981-82	25	79	130	.608	62	77	.805	28	1.1	96	23	8	5	53	29	220	8.8
1982-83	25	155	260	.596	63	72	.875	43	1.7	136	32	4	0	59	49	373	14.9
1983-84	27	157	261	.602	80	88	.909	55	2.0	175	29	4	3	59	51	394	14.6
1984-85	29	174	301	.578	85	99	.859	62	2.1	131	34	3	4	56	39	433	14.9
	106	565	952	.594	290	336	.863	188	1.8	538	118	19	12	227	168	1420	13.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
FRESHMAN	5th on Team	1st on Team	4th on Team	2nd on Team
SOPHOMORE	2nd on Team	1st on Team	4th on Team	5th on Team
JUNIOR	2nd on Team	1st on Team	2nd on Team	3rd on Team
SENIOR	1st on Team	1st on Team	2nd on Team	3rd on Team
HIGH GAME	28 pts - RUT C 82-83	12 ast - SEV 83-84 84-85	4 stl - SEV 81-85	3 chg - STOCKTON 83-84

HONORS RECEIVED

4 yr Letter Winner 1981-85
All Gull Classic 1982,83,84
All Bobcat Classic 1983
All Wild Goose Classic . . 1984
All Capital Conference . . 1983-85
All NCAA South Atlantic(2) 1985
All South Atlantic Tourn . 1985
All Maryland Collegiate .. 1984

Best FT PCT, Season 1983-84
Best FT PCT, Career 1981-85
Most Consecutive FT 1983-84
Most Charges, game 1983-84
Best FG PCT, Career 1981-85
Most Assists, career. . . . 1981-85
MVP 1984-85

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING	SSC CAREER ASSISTS	SSC CAREER STEALS
5th ranked . . 1420	32nd ranked . . . 188	1st ranked . . 538	6th ranked . . 118

Scott finished a great career as the all time leading guard scorer and all time leader in assists - quite a double. In addition he is the best in field goal and free throw accuracy for a career. Over four years Scott was an extremely consistent performer having also played more games than any other Gull in the school's history. Scott has now set the standard that all future back court players will strive to meet. He will not be replaced. He is the first SSC player to play on 4 winning teams - that is not a coincidence.

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RON WAINWRIGHT

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1983-84	27	27	59	.458	14	21	.667	50	1.9	11	9	11	1	20	51	68	2.5
1984-85	29	18	45	.400	25	36	.694	45	1.6	6	2	8	6	15	30	61	2.1
	56	45	104	.433	39	57	.684	95	1.7	17	11	19	7	35	81	129	2.3

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
JUNIOR	7th on Team	7th on Team	7th on Team	2nd on Team
SENIOR	8th on Team	8th on Team	11th on Team	2nd on Team
HIGH GAME	13 pts - M WASH 83-84	9 reb - GENEVA 83-84	1 stl _ SEV 83-84 84-85	3 chg - GENEVA 83-84

HONORS RECEIVED

2 yr LETTER Winner 1983-85
Most Charges, Game 1983-84

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING
67th ranked . . . 129	57th ranked 95

Ron gave two terrific years to the Salisbury State basketball program. He was the ultimate role player that a team needs to be successful - hence SSC by no accident had its best two years while Ron played. He will be remembered as a player who would do anything, I mean anything that would benefit the team. His best asset is his ability to get along will all types of people. He virtually would be listed as each player's best friend. All greatteams need players like Ron - I am glad he decided to play at SSC.

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WADELL WRIGHT

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1984-85	2	1	3	.333	0	0	.000	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	1.0

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS
FRESHMAN	15th on Team	12th on Team
HIGH GAME	2 pts - ST M 84-85	2 ast - ST M 84-85

DEFENSE: (2)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, keep low, play close and take away options
DENYING BALL - Needs Work, work to get over picks
HELPING - Needs Work, see ball all the time, use quickness
REBOUNDING - Fair, work on blocking out on all shots
TALKING - Needs Work, communicate at all times on defense

OFFENSE: (4)

SCORING - Fair, work on shot selection
GETTING OPEN - Fair, work on timing
PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, work on selection and getting ball inside
PICKING - Needs Work, work on making contact every time
BALL HANDLING - Fair, know when to pass and when to drive

SALISBURY STATE BASKETBALL
1984-85 FINAL STATS

PLAYER	G	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	O REB	D REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG	TOT RATE
SMITH	29	961	174	301	.578	85	99	.859	11	51	2.1	131	34	3	4	56	39	433	14.9	11.0
PRITCHETT D	29	861	147	281	.523	77	103	.748	42	111	5.3	92	33	15	13	58	84	371	12.8	8.5
JONES	29	740	136	264	.515	54	80	.675	61	144	7.1	14	28	1	14	44	86	326	11.2	8.0
PRITCHETT R	27	721	148	312	.474	100	126	.794	59	116	6.5	40	34	3	3	68	74	396	14.7	7.4
BALTIMORE	26	469	99	162	.611	26	36	.722	21	50	2.7	30	23	1	12	43	50	224	8.6	7.0
KLUNK	5	15	6	9	.667	1	4	.250	5	5	2.0	0	1	0	0	4	3	13	2.6	6.7
CARTER	29	692	72	141	.511	36	55	.655	18	40	2.0	70	35	2	0	50	57	180	6.2	6.5
McSHEA	29	623	37	67	.552	21	35	.600	9	28	1.3	93	31	2	0	35	50	95	3.3	6.3
SHEETS	27	152	17	32	.531	7	12	.583	3	8	0.4	14	7	1	0	11	11	41	1.5	6.2
BAIR	5	14	2	4	.500	1	2	.500	0	4	0.3	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	1.0	5.6
ALEXANDER	28	191	16	44	.364	19	32	.594	26	26	1.9	10	6	3	0	10	22	51	1.8	5.3
WAINWRIGHT	29	233	18	45	.400	25	36	.694	14	31	1.6	6	2	8	6	15	30	61	2.1	3.5
PAKULNIEWICZ	22	101	7	20	.350	14	19	.737	7	9	0.7	0	0	1	2	5	18	28	1.3	0.8
HEBRON	25	150	12	35	.343	11	20	.550	3	9	0.5	30	3	3	0	31	21	35	1.4	-0.9
WRIGHT	2	8	1	3	.333	0	0	.000	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	1.0	-3.7
GRANDISON	2	4	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.0	-18.0
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90	WASHINGTON & LEE	(H)	74	W	91	ST. MARY'S	(H)	45	W
81	UMES	(N)	69	W	77	FROSTBURG STATE	(A)	2OT 79	L
* 67	SUNY-NEW PALTZ	(N)	65	W	69	MARY WASHINGTON	(A)	64	W
* 61	N.C. WESLEYAN	(A)	81	L	60	ROANOKE	(A)	59	W
66	ST. MARY'S	(A)	48	W	78	YORK COLLEGE	(H)	52	W
+ 66	SUNY-OLD WESTBURY	(N)	62	W	77	CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT	(A)	69	W
+ 74	WASHINGTON COLLEGE	(A)	76	L	75	CATHOLIC	(A)	66	W
** 71	BARUCH	(H)	57	W	83	FROSTBURG STATE	(H)	66	W
** 67	TRENTON STATE	(H) OT	66	W	88	STOCKTON STATE	(H)	OT 82	W
++ 54	HAMILTON	(N)	72	L	91	MARY WASHINGTON	(H)	69	W
++ 93	CATHOLIC	(N)	85	W	# 120	ST. MARY'S	(H)	74	W
74	STOCKTON STATE	(A)	64	W	# 73	MARY WASHINGTON	(H)	2OT 78	L
97	LINCOLN	(H)	81	W	## 62	TRENTON STATE	(N)	75	L
73	WASHINGTON COLLEGE	(H)	70	W	## 98	ROANOKE	(N)	83	W

HOME: 12-1
NEUT: 5-2
AWAY: 6-3

CIAC: 5-1
NCAA: 1-1

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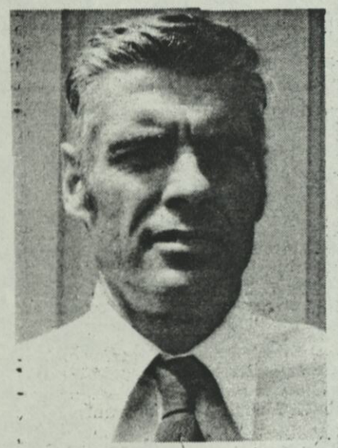
Sea Gull Cagers

'Getting Physical' In '84



Ward Lambert

By ERIC MAGILL
Times Sports Staff

SALISBURY — After the first practice of his 15th season as Salisbury State College men's basketball coach, Ward Lambert was somewhat concerned with the physical condition of the 22 prospective Sea Gulls who showed up.

One never expects an athlete to report in prime shape, but this year is different because Lambert believes the key to his team's success lies in its ability to tire out its opponents.

"With the depth we have, we'll definitely run and press a lot more," said Lambert, whose Gulls began practice Monday night with seven returning lettermen and nine freshmen among the 22 hopefuls.

"It'll be the same idea as Georgetown. Our biggest plus is we have a lot of people who can play, so we'll try to take advantage of the other teams physically."

The Gulls return eight lettermen from last year's 19-8 club, which set school records for most wins and best winning percentage (.704) in a season. The Gulls also went 6-0 to claim the first Capital Conference championship.

THE CONFERENCE, like last year, will consist of SSC, Mary Washington, Frostburg State and St. Mary's colleges.

Heading the returnees are senior guard and Wicomico High product Scott Smith and 6-4 senior center Ed Jones of Edgewater.

In Division III, Smith finished second in free throw percentage (90.9) and 19th in field goal percentage (60.2). He averaged 14.6 points a game. Jones' numbers were 13.5 points and 10.1 rebounds.

The Gulls return two other double figure scorers, but senior forward Garry Levere (12.3 ppg) has not earned a sufficient number of credits and is ineligible for games played during the first semester.

"With the depth we have, we'll definitely run and press a lot more. It'll be the same idea as Georgetown."

The other returning double figure scorer is junior forward Dave Pritchett (11.4 ppg, 5.5 rpg), who this year will team with brother Deroin, who is SSC's most heralded freshman.

Deroin, at 6-5, was first team all-state at Sussex Central High his junior and senior years and honorable mention all-American his senior year. He received several Division I offers but turned them down to play with his brother.

THE OTHER returning lettermen are 6-1 senior Bret Carter, who has been moved from forward to guard, 5-9 senior guard Joe McShea, 6-4 senior center and Salisbury native Ron Wainwright and 6-8 sophomore center Dave Pakulniewicz.

The Gulls also welcomed Delaware State transfer Ralph Baltimore. The 6-5, 180-pound sophomore out of North Dorchester High saw limited action with the Hornets in 1983-84.

Lambert said the Gulls will use a variety of man-to-man, zone and pressure defenses. The Gulls will work on those defenses, a fast-breaking offense, rebounding, and most importantly, their conditioning for the next four weeks.

Assisting Lambert are former Salisbury State stars Paul Capodanno and Lewis Adams and former University of Delaware star Ken Luck, who was drafted by the Washington Bullets after finishing his Blue Hen career in 1982.

Lambert, who possesses a 173-189 record at SSC, and his Gulls begin their season Nov. 20 with a home game against Washington & Lee in the Maggs Physical Activities Center.

The Gulls will also play University of Maryland Eastern Shore in a men's and women's doubleheader Nov. 27 at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center. The women's game will begin at 7 p.m. and the men's contest will follow at 9.

■ At Salisbury State, coach Ward Lambert expects to have as many as 30 report, but the strength of this year's team will come from eight lettermen, including four starters.

The chief holdovers are Scott Smith, a senior guard who finished as the No. 2 free throw shooter in NCAA Division III with a 90.9 percentage. He averaged 14 points a game. The others are senior Ed Jones, from Annapolis, who averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds, plus senior Gary Levere, a 12-point scorer from Perry Hall, and junior Dave Pritchett, a forward who averaged 11 points.

The defending Capital Conference champions open their season at home against Washington & Lee Nov. 20.

South Atlantic

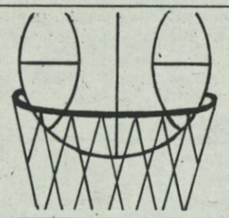
Top teams: Several teams have the talent to look forward realistically to NCAA tournament action. One of the best is Bridgewater (Virginia) (16-9, three), a squad that will be pushed in the Old Dominion Conference by Roanoke (27-2, two). Farther north, Salisbury State (19-8, four) will be strong, as will Stockton State (18-10, four), Washington (Maryland) (19-4, four) and William Paterson (22-6, three).

Top players: John Winkler, junior, forward, Catholic (20.2 ppg, 7.7 rpg); Russ Stephan, junior, guard, Drew (16.2 ppg); Leonard Dow, junior, forward, Eastern Mennonite (21.9 ppg, 9.7 rpg); Kevin Brown, sophomore, forward, Emory and Henry (21.0 ppg); Reggie Thomas, senior, guard, Roanoke (13.6 ppg); Reginald Owens, senior, forward/center, Rutgers-Camden (18.1 ppg, 7.5 rpg); Scott Smith, senior, guard, Salisbury State (14.6 ppg); Dan Bronstein, junior, guard, Stevens Tech (17.5 ppg); Jay Phillips, senior, forward, Stockton State (14.7 ppg); Bob Fornoff, senior, center/forward, Washington (Maryland) (14.1 ppg).

Washington College, Salisbury look strong in Division III; Johns Hopkins must rebuild

By John W. Stewart

COLLEGE
BASKETBALL PREVIEW



DIVISION III

The basketball pipeline from Baltimore to Chestertown is once again pumping talent into the Washington College program.

A year ago, the Eastern Shore school had its most successful season in 60 years and went to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time. In addition to seven veterans, four of the six freshmen are from the Baltimore area.

Washington is one of six Division III institutions in the state, and brings in the best credentials for another banner season. The others are Middle Atlantic Conference-Southeast rival Johns Hopkins, Capital Conference foes Frostburg State, St. Mary's and Salisbury State, plus MAC-Southwestern entry Western Maryland.

Tom Finnegan, starting his 15th year as head coach at Washington, has three holdovers from among a top six, and four others who saw playing time from last year's 19-5 (regular season) squad. Eleven of his 15 players are from the Baltimore area, and six of those are out of Archbishop Curley High School.

The chief returnees are Bob Fornoff, Leroy Keller and Jeff Yost (three of the four seniors on the roster), plus junior Kurt Keller. Completing the starting alignment for the Eastern Shore school will be sophomore Joe Webster.

Johns Hopkins has sophomore Steve Mitchell as the only returning starter, and it will take him a while to get into the flow after a fall campaign as a wide receiver for the Blue Jays' football team. Among the missing from last year are the top four scorers.

Those with experience a year ago who are expected to fill key roles are senior captain Ken Puhala, sophomore Mike Sohr and juniors Michael Kowatch, Ralph Horne (tallest man on the squad at 6-8), Charles Sikorsky and Ed Kasoff, currently sidelined by a separated shoulder but expected back by early December.

Instead of players, Western Maryland has its coach, Alex Ober, back after a year's sabbatical. Each of his last three teams won 16 games, and now, he has six lettermen, including two starters, from last year's 6-18 squad.

The key holdovers are co-captains David Malin (Pikesville), a guard, and Jim Hursey (Liberty), a forward. Hursey was the leading scorer and rebounder last year when he averaged 14.3 points and 6.3 rebounds a game. The other veteran is senior forward Henry Montague (Lake Clifton), a 57-percent shooter from the field.

Salisbury State went 18-9 last year for the best record in school history, and now, Ward Lambert, beginning a 15th season as head coach, sees this year's team "capable of reaching beyond last year's success." He returns three starters and seven lettermen, and there is more quality depth than in recent years.

Among the veterans are senior co-captains Scott Smith, a guard with 14-point and six-assist averages and a rating as the No. 2 foul shooter in Division III, 90.9 percent, and Ed Jones, 13.5 points and a team-leading 10.1 rebounds. Brothers Dave Pritchett, a junior, and Ron Pritchett, a freshman (considered the No. 1 high school player in Delaware last year), are the top forward candidates, and Bret Carter and Joe McShea are battling to start at the other guard position.

Intensive recruiting plus only a couple of graduations have combined to present a bright outlook for Glenn Larnerd's third season of trying to turn the basketball fortunes around at St. Mary's. The school has not had a winning year since 1978-79 and has averaged only six victories a season since then.

Two-year starter Leon Turner returns at a guard, and the other veterans are sophomores Troy Taylor and Jeff Hacklander. Among the top rookies are Jamie Duncan (Walkersville) and Perry Stansberry (Annapolis), each off a championship high school team.

Frostburg State has a new coach, a predominantly new team and no player taller than 6-4. Still, there is room for "cautious optimism," according to athletic director/coach Ken Kutler, who has replaced Kurt Wolfe. "We don't have great size, but we feel we can utilize our speed."

Junior guard Eddie Rutledge and senior forward Milt Bailey are the key holdovers. A year ago, Rutledge averaged 23 points a game, shot 54 percent from the floor and set a single-season scoring record with 557 points.

Date — opponent	Time
Nov. 20 — Washington & Lee	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 27 — UMES	9 p.m.
Nov. 30-D1 — at N.C. Wesleyan tournament (with New Paltz, Thomas)	6 & 8 p.m.
Dec. 4 — at St. Mary's x	8 p.m.
Dec. 7-8 — at Washington College tournament (with Old Westbury, Stevens Tech)	6 & 8 p.m.;1 & 3 p.m.
Dec. 14-15 — Sea Gull Classic (with Baruch, Trenton State, Spring Garden)	5 & 9 p.m.; 4 & 6 p.m.
Dec. 21-22 — at Scranton (Pa.) tournament (with Hamilton, Catholic)	6 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 7 — at Stockton State	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9 — Lincoln, Pa.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 — Washington	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15 — Virginia Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 — Mary Washington x	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 — St. Mary's x	4 p.m.
Jan. 22 — at Frostburg State x	8 p.m.
Jan. 25 — at Mary Washington x	8 p.m.
Jan. 28 — at Roanoke	8 p.m.
Feb. 2 — York, Pa.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 — at Christopher Newport	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 — at Catholic U.	8 p.m.
Feb. 9 — Frostburg State x	7 p.m.
Feb. 16 — Stockton State	3 p.m.
Feb. 22-23 — Capital Conference tournament.	

Sea Gulls Play Scrimmages Tonight

GEORGETOWN — Salisbury State College's men's and women's basketball teams will player their annual gold and maroon intrasquad scrimmages here tonight at Sussex Central High School.

The women's games is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with the men's game to follow.

Men's head coach Ward Lambert returns seven letterman from last year's 19-8 team which won the Capital Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The women were 11-15 a year ago.

Pritchetts' Reunion Is Productive

By ERIC MAGILL
Times Sports Staff

GEORGETOWN — Among the reasons cited by Deroin Pritchett for spurning several scholarship offers to play basketball at Salisbury State College, was his desire to play near his home in Millsboro.

He couldn't have played much closer to his hometown than he did here Monday night, as he, his brother Dave, and SSC women's star Sara Marvel returned to their alma mater at Sussex Central High for SSC's Maroon and Gold games.

"I never thought I'd play this close to home," said Deroin, whose main reason for becoming a Sea Gull was to play with his brother Dave. The pair never played together in high school.

The crowd that half-filled the Sussex Central gymnasium remembered Deroin for his all-state season as a Golden Knight senior a year ago. And, although he appeared frustrated at times, he led the Maroon squad with 24 points.

To top the evening off, Dave began the unofficial start of his junior season by hitting the game-winning free throws with one second left in the Maroon's 86-85 win.

"I GUESS what I always remember about this gym is we always had big crowds," said Dave, who averaged 11.4 points and 5.5 rebounds as a sophomore Gull.

"I did expect a little better crowd tonight," he continued. "But it has been every bit as fun as I thought it would be. Our teammates haven't teased us too much, but they have been talking about coming to the country."

Marvel's teammates kidded her about the stuffy gymnasium and locker rooms, "but I told them not to laugh when we came up here," said the junior forward, who averaged 14.0 points and 8.0 rebounds last year.

"I was really nervous," she went on. "I was thinking, 'What if nobody shows up?' But there was this one elderly couple who came to all my high school games — I never did know their names — and they're here again tonight."

The homecoming recalled special memories for the Sea Gull trio. Dave remembered the crowds, Deroin remembered the night he scored 38 points in a win over Cape Henlopen, and Marvel's first thoughts were of the two games her Knights lost to Cape during her senior season.

"Penni Copp (SSC freshman) was on that Cape team, and we've been talking about those games and the big rivalry we had with Cape," said Marvel, who scored 14 points for the Gold in the women's 71-71 tie.

For Dave and Deroin, the night will be remembered as the first organized game in which they played on the same team. Dave added 18 points to Deroin's 24.

FOR THE RECORD: Guards Scott Smith and Rick Sheets (freshman) scored 17 and 10 points, respectively, for the Maroon ... DelState transfer Ralph Baltimore, a North Caroline High graduate, led the Gold with 22 points ... Senior Brett Carter, freshman Reggie Alexander and senior Ed Jones added 17, 15 and 14 points, respectively ... In the women's game, junior Diana DeJesus scored 20 points for the Maroon, while 1984 Delmar graduate Joan Harris added 12 and Kathy DeGrazia tossed in 11 ... For the Gold, Kim Fiedler scored 18 points, 1984 Snow Hill grad Myra Sturgis added 16, and Tracy Tillman threw in 11.

WSBY To Carry Sea Gull Games

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College men's home and away basketball games will be carried live on radio station WSBY 960 this season according to SSC Sports Information Director Steve Blake.

Local radio personality Paul Butler will do the play-by-play, while former Salisbury State College player Tim Sponaugle will provide the color.

Maroon-Gold Games At SSC Wednesday

SALISBURY — The annual Maroon and Gold intrasquad scrimmages of Salisbury State College's men's and women's basketball teams will be played at the Maggs Physical Activities Center here Wednesday night.

The women's game begins at 6:30. The men's game follows at 8:30.

SSC '5' Debuts On Home Court

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College's women's basketball team has displayed its strength, and tonight the Sea Gull men have their first chance to do so.

In a double-header at SSC's Maggs Physical Activities Center, the Sea Gull women face Catholic University at 6 p.m. and the SSC men begin their 1984-85 season against Washington & Lee at 8:30.

The Lady Gulls battered two opponents in the Shepherd College (W.Va.) Invitational with their depth last weekend, and depth is exactly what men's coach Ward Lambert expects to use to smother opponents this year.

"We have 10 or 11 guys we're comfortable with out there," said Lambert, who enters his 15th year at SSC with a career mark of 173-189.

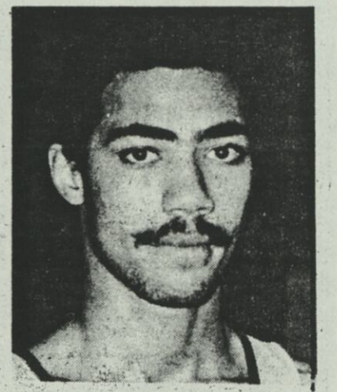
"Because of our depth, we plan to press and run a lot this year," he continued. "I know the guys would get awfully tired running 40 minutes a game, so we'll only run 38 or 39 minutes."

The men return three starters — including co-captains Scott Smith and Ed Jones — from last year's 19-8 team, which set school season records for wins and winning percentage and captured the first Capital Conference championship.

In Smith, a 6-0, 160-pound senior point guard, SSC has Division III's second-leading free throw shooter (90.9) from last season. The Wicomico High graduate canned 60.2 percent of his field goals and scored an average of 14.6 points per game.

Jones, a 6-4, 190-pound senior center from Annapolis, and 6-2, 175-pound junior forward ave Pritchett of Sussex Central High in Georgetown are the other returning starters.

Jones averaged 13.5 points and



Dave Pritchett

10.1 rebounds, while Pritchett recorded figures of 11.4 points and 5.5 rebounds.

From there, the Gulls' depth includes four more returning lettermen and a solid crop of transfers and freshmen, including Dave Pritchett's freshman brother Deroin Pritchett, a 6-4 two-time all-stater from Sussex Central.

In Washington & Lee, the Gulls face a team that inflicted one of their eight losses last season. The score was 66-60 in a Washington & Lee Invitational contest.

The 2-0 Lady Gulls easily won the Shepherd Invitational last weekend as they blew away Bowie State 88-47 in the first round and host Shepherd 88-79 in the championship after leading by 21 points with about four minutes left.

Junior forward Sara Marvel scored 21 points in the title game and was named the tournament's most valuable player. Point guard Diana DeJesus and sophomore Kim Fiedler also made the all-tournament team.

PRESSURE. Guard Scott Smith, right, and center Ronnie Wainwright of Salisbury State College put the pressure on Washington & Lee University guard Kevin McClatchy during first half action of their Tuesday night NCAA Division III game in Salisbury. The Sea Gulls defeated the Generals 90-74. (Times Photo By Bill See)

Gull 5 Outfox Va. Foe

By ERIC MAGILL
Times Sports Staff

SALISBURY — When Salisbury State College opened a 29-point lead with 16:49 left in its 90-74 victory over Washington & Lee University here Tuesday night, it figured point guard Scott Smith could do some record-shooting.

But, by the time Smith moved to within a couple points of the 13 he needed to reach the 1,000-point milestone, the visiting Generals had sliced the Gulls' lead to 12 and forced their hosts into a three-guard delay offense.

"I thought I might be able to shoot for the thousand when we had the big lead," said Smith — a 1981 Wicomico High graduate — who finally was able to crack the barrier with a free throw with 48 seconds remaining.

"I wasn't keeping track of my points," he continued. "But I knew I was close and I'd get it eventually. I thought it would have been nice to get it before the big crowd at the civic center for the UMES game (next Tuesday)."

The season-opening victory before a surprisingly good Thanksgiving break crowd of 823 at SSC's Maggs Physical Activities Center was Salisbury's first over a Washington & Lee squad in three meetings.

But it didn't come as easy as it should have.

"That was the best half I can remember us playing," said Smith of a first half when the Gulls outscored previously unbeaten W&L 17-2 in a nine-minute span to take a 19-4 lead with 9:30 remaining. SSC led 45-20 at intermission.

"In the second half, we got a little lackadaisical," the senior co-captain went on. "We wanted to play hard, but we also wanted to protect the big lead. Now we know not to slack off with a big lead."

The near second half collapse somewhat diminished the luster of the Gulls performance in the first half, when SSC's pressing and man-to-man defenses were a factor in 2-1 W&L's miserable shooting.

With 4:22 left, the Generals had only 10 points after being held scoreless for one six-minute stretch.

The pattern continued early in the second half and enabled the Gulls to increase their advantage to 53-24 with 16:49 remaining on a jumper by Smith, a rebound and layup by freshman Deroin Pritchett and two baseline jumpers by junior Dave Pritchett.

The Generals, however, cut into the lead with seven straight points to make it 53-31 with 14:34 left. The margin hovered in that area for the next seven minutes and was at 70-49 with 7:41 left before W&L made its final charge.

The Generals reeled off nine straight points to cut the lead to 70-58 at the 6:11 mark before Brett Carter broke the SSC drought with a layup at 6:05.

The lead then bounced from 12 to 14 to 16 points and back to 12 again with 4:41 left before SSC iced the game for good.

From that point, the Gulls outscored W&L 14-6 on two Reggie Alexander layups, two field goals and two free throws by Smith, a Carter layup on a long pass from Joe McShea, and two more free throws by Kyra Hebron.

For the game, the Gulls were led by Deroin Pritchett's 19 points, Smith's 16 points and 12 points apiece by Ralph Baltimore and Carter. Carter and center Ed Jones had six rebounds apiece.

Jones finished with eight points, one blocked shot and three of the Gulls' nine steals. SSC shot 59.6 percent from the floor compared to W&L's 45.8.

The Gulls face rival University of Maryland Eastern Shore for the first time in five years at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center next Tuesday night following the women's game, which begins at 7 p.m.

Hatchet Buried; SSC And Hawks To Renew Cage Rivalry Nov. 27

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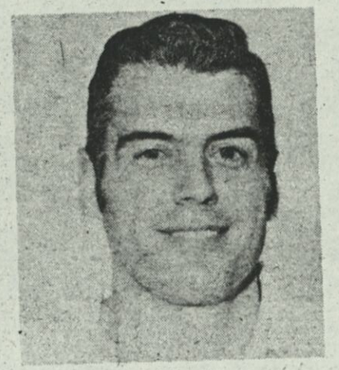

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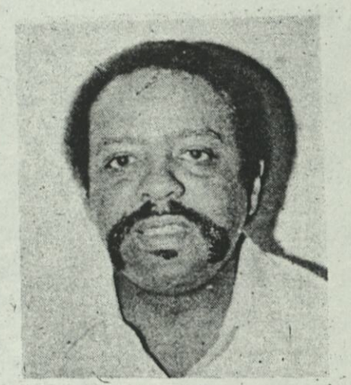


Howie Evans

SALISBURY — Of those involved with this year's Salisbury State College and University of Maryland Eastern Shore men's basketball teams, only a few have first-hand recollections of that infamous evening five years ago.

But everyone involved with the two teams has heard, in some fashion, about the night UMES walked out of the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center on the SSC basketball team.

"I think I know that game play-by-play now," said first-year UMES coach Howie Evans, who happened to be 200 miles away that night as an assistant coach at Fordham.

"That's all I've heard about since I've been here. I have family down here and they've been asking me about it. My doctor has asked me about it. It's been like a nightmare."

What Evans has learned about that night led him to liken the rivalry — which is tied at three wins apiece — to the Hatfields and McCoys during the civic center press conference here Tuesday announcing the series resumption after a five-year hiatus.

The Nov. 27 game (9 p.m.) has been in the works ever since that evening, when then-UMES coach Kirkland Hall removed his team from the floor after the contest deteriorated into the lowlight of Ward Lambert's 15 years at the SSC helm.

"I still remember there were 7:46 left in the game, we had an 11-point lead, and we were shooting a technical foul when they walked off," said Lambert.

Hall — now the UMES athletic director after resigning his coaching post this past summer — Lambert, and SSC assistant Paul Capadonna are the only holdovers from that 1980 game.

All three were at Tuesday's press conference, which was full of hand shakes and smiles from neighbors anxious to be neighborly once again.

"A lot of statements were made back then that shouldn't have been made," said Lambert. "But time has allowed the wounds to heal, and that's why we're playing again."

According to Hall, he and Lambert discussed the series' renewal each year after the 1980 game, but officials were not terribly pleased with the idea, so the rivalry rested in peace.

"I guess this year they decided to let bygones be bygones," Hall said. "Besides, we've been playing them in other sports since then, and there haven't been any problems."

As an example, the two schools' women's basketball teams have faced each other in each of the years following the 1980 rhubarb, and they will continue their series in a 7 p.m. preliminary to the men's game.

"I think it's a natural rivalry," said Lambert, who said the game will be played at the civic center because it is a neutral site and because neither campus gymnasium was able to accomodate the series' past crowds.

"We've been trying to downplay it because we have a game (Washington & Lee) before that," Lambert resumed. "But the kids watch TV, listen to the radio, and read the papers, and everyone else is talking about it."

From all appearances Tuesday, it is the wish of Lambert and Hall and all others involved, that this year's game will give everyone something else to talk about it.

PAPER PLANES. Athletic directors Lou Marciani of Salisbury State College, left, and Kirkland Hall of University of Maryland Eastern Shore practice for the paper airplane throw to be held at halftime of the SSC-UMES men's basketball game Tuesday night.

Civic Center To Be Plane Landing Site

SALISBURY — It has been four years since the men's basketball teams of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Salisbury State College have met at center court.

The two teams will play each other Tuesday night at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. The last time they faced each other, the SSC Sea Gulls beat the Hawks of UMES 66-55 during the last game of the 1979-80 season.

The game Tuesday is actually a double-header, with the women's teams of both schools scheduled to play each other at 7 p.m., and the men's tip off set for 9 p.m. The men's series is tied at four wins apiece.

THE TWO sports departments are hoping that a large turnout will convince the Civic Center staff that there is enough local interest in collegiate basketball to schedule the games there.

During halftime of the men's game, the Great Pizza Hut Indoor Paper Airplane Contest will be held, with as many as 10,000 paper airplanes expected to be thrown onto center court.

The paper planes will be specially marked and the pilot of the airplane that lands closest to the circle of the court will win a trip to New York City for two nights and a Broadway Show, compliments of Hall's Tidewater Travel and Henson Airlines.

THE AIRPLANES can be obtained from a Pizza Hut restaurant; by purchasing a ticket to the game; by purchasing a game program; or by bringing a non-perishable food item to the game, which will be donated to the Joseph House in Salisbury.

Game tickets are $3. Tickets for UMES and SSC students, faculty, staff and children under 17 years of age are $2. The tickets can be purchased at each student centers on each campus or at the Civic Center Tuesday, beginning at 6 p.m.

Hawks, Gulls Renew Acquaintances

Diana DeJesus

By ERIC MAGILL
Times Sports Staff

SALISBURY — Howie Evans hopes his University of Maryland Eastern Shore men's basketball season-opener with Salisbury State College doesn't become a bad omen for this 1984-85 season.

But the first-year coach knows his efforts to uplift an embarrassed program begin at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center tonight in a game that does nothing but recall the program's most embarrassing moment.

Division I UMES and Division III SSC renew their rivalry after a five-year layoff tonight at 9 in the second game of a double-header. The series is tied 4-4. SSC won its season-opener, 90-74, over Washington & Lee last week.

In the evening's first contest, the UMES and SSC women meet at 7. SSC is 2-1 with victories over Bowie State and Shepherd College and a loss to Catholic University. UMES opened its women's season Monday night at Temple.

No one has to be reminded of what happened the last time the SSC Gulls and UMES Hawks met in men's basketball. In a brutal 1979-80 season finale, UMES walked off the civic center floor behind 66-55.

That was arguably the supreme embarrassment for a basketball program that has been red-faced for several seasons now. In the years since that game, the Hawks have stumbled to a 40-73 record.

So, with the memories of that infamous game and last season's 7-21 record still fresh in everyone's mind, Evans begins his reconstruction job.

"It would be discouraging for us if we lost, especially after we've been working so hard," said Evans, who formerly was an assistant at Fordham University.

"But we wouldn't be embarrassed to lose to Salisbury. Yet, we know that even though they don't play like a Division III team, if we lose, people will say either Salisbury is very good or UMES is very bad."

Evans says up front that both observations would be true. He scouted Salisbury's win over Washington & Lee and was impressed with the Gulls' man-to-man defense and the talents of guards Scott Smith and Brett Carter, center Ed Jones and forwards Dave and Deroin Pritchett.

Evans has also seen his beleaguered Hawks in practice, which hasn't been a pretty sight since 15 players, including returning starters John Moorman and Darryl Dennis, have left the team.

Of the 11 who remain, seven are freshmen, none are seniors, and the tallest is 6-6 James M. Bennett High product Allen White. Returning starter Donnell Boney has two bad knees and starting freshman forward Byron Spriggs has a bad back.

Other injuries ruled out full-court scrimmages until two weeks ago because the Hawks didn't have 10 healthy players.

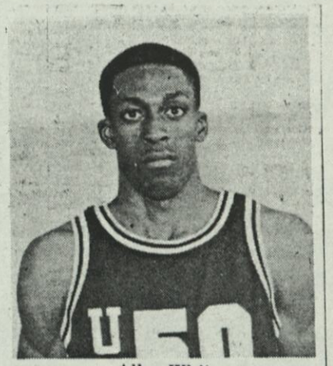
What Evans has been able to patch together is a starting lineup that includes the junior Boney, who averaged 14.8 points, 2.7 steals and 4.3 assists while playing more than 30 minutes per game last year.

From there, Evans will start White at center, Spriggs and freshman Marvin Blye of Charleston, S.C., at forward, and junior Tony Bateman — a Wicomico High grad — at guard.

For Salisbury, Smith went over the 1,000-point career mark with 16 points against Washington & Lee. Deroin Pritchett scored 19 points, and Carter and Ralph Baltimore added 12 apiece in that game.

In the women's game, Salisbury will be led by 5-2 point guard Diana DeJesus and double-figure scoring forwards Sara Marvel and Tracy Tillman. Delmar product Joan Harris, after missing the Catholic game with a sprained ankle, will return to action.

The Lady Hawks are led by 6-1 center Yvette Cook and guard Lisa Moore. Monica Felder is a 5-8 freshman forward who earned all-American honors at Philadelphia city champion University City High last year.



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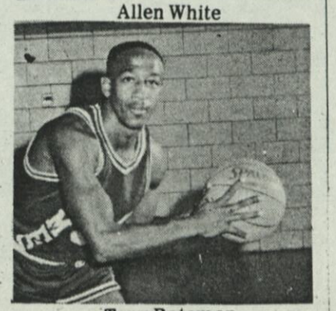

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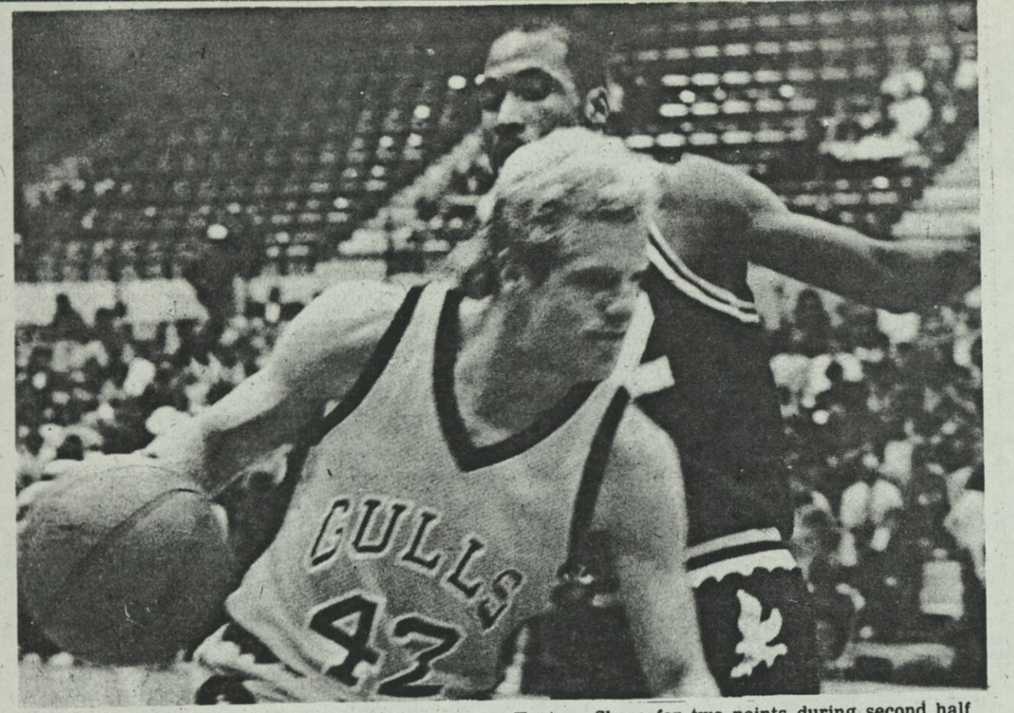

COMING THROUGH. Guard Brett Carter of Salisbury State College drives to the basket around Bryan Spriggs of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore for two points during second half action of their Tuesday night game at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center. (Times Photos By Bill See)

IN FLIGHT. Guard Donnel Boney of UMES soars high in the air over Salisbury State College forward Ron Pritchett for a bucket during second half action of their non-conference game in Salisbury. The Sea Gulls won 81-69.

SSC Hot Hand Ends Cold War On Hardwoods

By ERIC MAGILL
Times Sports Staff

SALISBURY — They can put the first men's basketball game in over four seasons between Salisbury State College and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in the record books — and relax.

Tuesday night's 81-69 SSC victory featured none of the shenanigans of the 1979-80 game that sparked a five-year Cold War in the series the Sea Gulls now lead 5-4.

In place of tantrums and technicals, the Division III Gulls and Division I Hawks played a solid game that should erase the harm lingering from the night five years ago when UMES walked off the floor.

The 2-0 Gulls, of course, got the best of the much-publicized renewal, which drew 1,743 Eastern Shoremen to the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

Their constantly changing defenses and a remarkably productive delay offense subdued the Hawks, who did lead by nine points midway through the first half of their season-opener.

"We noticed in the first half that whenever we changed defenses, something good happened," said SSC coach Ward Lambert. "So we decided to change a lot in the second half."

The Gulls led 37-34 at halftime, but by using a man-to-man, three different presses, and a 1-3-1 zone trap, were able to increase the advantage to 55-41 with 13:12 remaining.

UMES quickly recovered, however, and with three straight jumpers by junior point guard Donnell Boney and a jump shot by Marvin Blye, cut the edge to 55-49 with 11:25 left.

At that point SSC went to its delay, which resulted in a layup and two foul shots by senior guard Scott Smith, two baskets by sophomore forward Ralph Baltimore, and layups by center Ed Jones, guard Brett Carter, Baltimore, and Carter and Baltimore again for a 73-62 lead with 2:21 left.

"We just wanted to give them something different again," said Lambert, whose team is averaging 85.5 points in two games despite relying on the delay for much of each second half.

"It's hard to defend," he continued. "We run it in practice and still haven't figured out how to defend it."

Neither could first-year UMES coach Howie Evans' Hawks, who watched Smith and Carter penetrate at will a wide-open lane area from beyond the foul circle.

"Our defense broke down in the second half," said Evans. "We wanted to deny their guards the ball, particularly Smith, but we couldn't."

Smith finished with 17 points, two assists and three steals in 37 minutes. Another key for SSC was the 6-4 Jones, whose rugged effort netted him 20 points and seven rebounds.

Baltimore benefitted most from the delay, as he worked the baseline for easy shots that gave him 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting. Deroin and ave Pritchett scored 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Boney led all scorers with 24 points, but it was freshman forward Marvin Blye (23 points) who keyed the Hawks' early surge by scoring 12 of UMES' first 14 points.

Following Blye's outburst, Boney scored six straight points and freshman guard Ty Neal from Woodbridge and freshman forward Bryan Spriggs added baskets to give the Hawks their 24-15 lead.

From there, Carter, Smith and Dave Pritchett combined for SSC's next 11 points to pull the Gulls to a 26-26 tie with 5:31 left. A Pritchett shot in the lane, a goaltending call, and a long jumper by Carter then gave Salisbury its largest first half lead at 32-26 with 3:20 remaining.

Statistically, SSC outshot UMES 62.0 percent to 53.5 from the field and held the advantage in free throws by making 19-of-28 compared to UMES' 9-of-11.

Salisbury State 81, UMES 69

UMES (69)
Boney 9 6-8 24, Bateman 3 0-0 6, Spriggs 4 0-0 8, Blye 10 3-3 23, Talbot 1 0-0 2, Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Neal 1 0-0 2, Robinson 1 0-0 2 (Totals: 30 9-11)

SALISBURY STATE (81)
Carter 4 1-3 9, D. Pritchett 4 3-5 11, Jones 8 4-6 20, R. Pritchett 4 4-5 12, Smith 5 7-8 17, Baltimore 6 0-0 12 (Totals: 31 19-28)

Halftime — Salisbury State 37, UMES 34

Pritchett Leads Gulls In Thriller

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Freshman sensation Ron Pritchett out of Sussex Central High School, hit a 12-foot baseline jumper with two seconds on the clock to give Salisbury State College a 67-65 victory over SUNY-New Paltz in the opening round of Friday night's North Carolina Wesleyan Basketball Tournament here.

Pritchett led all scorers with 23 points, hitting on 10-of-13 field goals. Guard Scott Smith was second in scoring for the Sea Gulls with 16 points.

The Gulls, now 3-0, were trailing at the intermission 43-39.

SSC will play in today's finals at 8 p.m.

SSC Men Bounced In Final

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Host North Carolina Wesleyan College routed Salisbury State College 81-61 in the championship game of the N.C. Wesleyan Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday night here.

The Battling Bishops raised their record to 7-0 on the season, while SSC dropped its first for a 3-1 mark.

Ron Pritchett was named to the All-Tournament team.

Dave Pritchett led the Sea Gulls in scoring with 20 points. Ron Pritchett had 11 in the title game and Scott Smith flipped in 10. Wesleyan led at halftime 36-29.

SSC advanced to the championship game with Friday night's 67-65 victory over SUNY-New Paltz.

Carter Steals Show As SSC Routs Saints

ST. MARY'S CITY — The final spread read 18 points, 66-48, but the victory was not the blowout it seemed for the Salisbury State basketball team.

The 4-1 Sea Gulls clobbered winless St. Mary's College here Tuesday night, but coach Ward Lambert had some awfully anxious second half moments. Senior guard Brett Carter was making big plays right and left, especially down the stretch when the Saints scored eight unanswered points to cut the SSC lead to 52-45 with just over eight minutes remaining. St. Mary's had six opportunities, four in the first half to cut SSC's lead to five points, but on each occasion the Saints fell shy.

Lambert called time with 7:35 left in the second half. The Gulls responded by spreading their offense and held the ball for almost two minutes without a shot, until Carter broke free for a layup. With 9:43 left in the game, SSC held what seemed to be a commanding 15-point lead.

In the waning moments, Carter, a 6-1 shooting guard out of Annapolis, stole the ball twice for easy buckets, Ron Pritchett converted a pair of free throws and St. Mary's was spinning.

Carter and freshman Pritchett led the Gulls with 14 point each. Scott Smith, who hit on 7-of-8 free throws, had 13 and big Ed Jones sank 12 for the winners. SSC led at the intermission 34-27.

Scott Phillips topped the Saints with a dozen and Jamie Duncan canned 10.

The victory was SSC's first this season in the Capital Conference. The Gulls were 6-0 a year ago, winning the conference.

The Gulls will participate in the Wild Goose Tournament at Washington College this weekend. On Friday at 6:15 p.m., SSC will face Old Westbury.

Salisbury 66, St. Mary's 48

SALISBURY ST. (66)
McShea 1 0-1 2, Smith 3 4-8 13, Baltimore 2 0-0 4, R.Pritchett 6 2-2 14, D.Pritchett 2 0-0 4, Carter 6 2-2 14, Jones 5 2-3 12, Weinwright 1 1-2 3. Totals 26 14-18.

ST. MARY'S (48)
Ernest 3 0-0 6, Mushline 2 0-1 4, Glick 1 0-0 2, Stansbury 0 2-2 2, Turner 1 4-5 6, Duncan 4 2-4 10, Phillips 4 4-4 12, Farmer 1 0-1 2, Appicelli 2 0-0 4. Totals 18 12-17.

Halftime—Salisbury 34-27.

SSC Five In Goose Finale

CHESTERTOWN — Salisbury State College, paced by Scott Smith with 17 points and Ed Jones with 16, defeated Old Westbury College here Friday night 66-62 in the opening round to advance to today's finals of the Wild Goose basketball Classic.

Host Washington College was playing in the nitecap.

SSC, Washington Up To Old Tricks In Classic

CHESTERTOWN — In recent years Salisbury State College and Washington College have produced one heckuva athletic rivalry and the last meeting of 1984 was nothing out of the ordinary.

Washington College, capitalizing on turnovers and fouls, came from a 10-point deficit in the second half to defeat Salisbury State College 76-74 in the championship game of the Wild Goose Classic here Saturday.

Trailing 49-39 with 16:36 to play, the Shoremen applied pressure on the Sea Gulls as SSC tried to slow the game down with their "triangle" offense. The pressure resulted in three SSC turnovers with Washington scoring on each opportunity.

The Gulls' most costly miscue with 43 second remaining resulted in a Kurt Keller 22-foot jump shot with just five seconds left for the game-winning bucket.

Salisbury's lead dwindled to a tie halfway through the second period then bounced at two and four points. With 1:20 remaining, Washington tied the game at 74-74 with a layup by Keller, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Sea Gulls return home Friday in a 9 p.m. first round game of the Gull Classic against Baruch College. In the other first round contest, Trenton State meets Spring Garden at 5 p.m.

It was the sixth win of the season for the Shoreman, now 6-1.

"It's tough on the road," said SSC coach Ward Lambert, whose Gulls fell to 5-2. "Early in the season when you're on the road, you've got to play perfect."

The Gulls did not, though. They were outrebounded 30-25 and lost the ball on 13 occasions, coming in spurts of two and three during key moments of the game.

"We hit our shots (54.8 percent from the field), but didn't follow all the time on defense," Lambert continued.

Washington's Bob Fornoff led all scorers with 23 points, while Keller finished with 20.

Salisbury was led by the 19-point effort of freshman Ron Pritchett, Scott Smith added 14 and Ralph Baltimore had 13.

Both Smith and Dave Pritchett were named to the All-Tournament team. Fornoff and Vince Gazior joined Keller on the team along with Old Westbury's Craig Holliday.

SSC Gears Up For Weekend Gull Classic

SALISBURY — Freshman forward Ron Pritchett has been a welcomed addition to the Salisbury State College basketball team this season.

Pritchett, who links up with his brother, Dave in the forecourt, is currently leading the 5-2 Sea Gulls in scoring and rebounding, but he's the first to admit the team's balance has been the key to the early season success.

Pritchett is averaging 15.1 points per game and seven rebounds per outing, not far off his pace of last season when a Sussex Central High senior in Georgetown. A Millsboro native, Pritchett was an All-State performer a year ago and was a recruiting coup for Lambert. The fact that Dave Pritchett, a junior, was playing at SSC didn't hurt the cause either.

The Pritchetts should be in fine form this weekend when SSC hosts the ninth annual Gull Classic Basketball Tournament. In Friday's men's opener at 5 p.m. Trenton State will take on Spring Garden. SSC will entertain Baruch College in the nitecap beginning at approximately 9 p.m. The SSC men have won the Classic four times.

The SSC women's basketball team will also see Classic action. At 3 p.m. Trenton State will meet Spring Garden and at 7 p.m., SSC will host Marymount College. This marks the fourth year for women's play.

The men's championship game Saturday night will be 8 with the consolation at 4. The women's championship will be staged at 6 p.m. and the consolation at 2.

SSC's balance has played a key role this season.

Guard Scott Smith, out of Wicomico Senior High, Salisbury, is right behind Pritchett in the scoring race. Smith, one of the premier free throw shooters in the national ranks, is averaging 14.7 points per outing and is the team leader in assists with 38. He's hitting 88.6 percent of his free throws.

Dave Pritchett is second in assists, third in rebounding and third in scoring with a 10.6 norm. Senior Co-Captain Ed Jones is also in double figures scoring with a 10.4 average and second in rebounding.

Senior Brett Carter teams with Smith in the backcourt to give the Gulls stability on offense and defense. Pleasant surprises off the bench have been freshman Ralph Baltimore and Ron Wainwright.

Sophomore guard Kim Fiedler has been a vital cog for the SSC women en route to a 5-3 log. Fiedler is hitting almost 50 percent of her field goals and over 90 percent of her foul shots to lead the team in scoring with a 15.9 average. Sara Marvel, another Sussex Central grad, is next with a 12.8 shooting norm. Freshman Joan Harris of Delmar has given the Gulls a big lift this fall. Harris is averaging nearly 10 points per outing.

The SSC women are currently riding the crest of a three-game winning streak. The only two losses suffered by the men came in the championship games of two tournaments — a loser to North Carolina Wesleyan (81-61) and Washington College last weekend, 76-74.

REACHING FOR THE STARS. Ron Pritchett, Salisbury State freshman forward, has been a pleasant addition to the Sea Gulls this season. Pritchett will help lead SSC into this weekend's Gull Classic. (Times Photo)

SSC Has Dual Classic Finalists

Fielder's 24 Paces Women's Win

SALISBURY — Deja Vu!

For the second time in as many years Salisbury State College will face Trenton State in the championship game of the women's Gull Basketball Classic.

The Sea Gulls, who defeated Marymount 85-73 in Friday's opening round of the fourth annual tournament, will try to avenge last year's 54-53 heartbreaking loss to Trenton tonight at 6.

Trenton State advanced to tonight championship game with an impressive 81-63 victory over Spring Garden.

Marymount and Spring Garden will meet in a 2 p.m. consolation final at the Maggs Physical Activities arena today.

Sophomore Kim Fielder, who is currently ninth on the school's all-time leading scorers list, led Salisbury State with a 24-point performance, including seven rebounds and four assists.

Tracy Tillman, a freshman from Claymont, Del., followed with 15, Sara Marvel had 14 and Diana DeJesus added 13.

Marymount was led by Mary Gardiner's 24 points and Kate Kimerer's 16 markers.

Melaine Balcomb led Trenton State with 24 points, while Shelly Walters had 18 and Sandy Sellers followed with 17 points.

April James sparked the Spring Garden offensive attack with a 20-point outing.

Salisbury State won their first edition of their Gull Classic in 1980 and finished third in the '81 tournament. A tournament was not held '82 and SSC finished runner-up last year.

Baruch No Obstacle For Sea Gull

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College's men's basketball team will get an opportunity to win its own Gull Classic tonight for the fifth time in the tournament's nine-year history.

The Sea Gulls improved its overall record to 6-2 with an opening round victory over Baruch, 71-57, and will face Trenton State College into tonight's (9) final at the Maggs Physical Activities Center gymnasium.

In the other first round contest, Trenton State defeated the Spring Garden Bobcats 59-47. The Bobcats will face Baruch in today's consolation final at 5 for third place.

Ron Pritchett, who currently leads the Sea Gulls in scoring, sparked a trio of players in double-digit scoring with 20 points, including an 8-for-8 effort from the free throw line. He also grabbed five rebounds.

Senior guard Scott Smith, a local product from Wicomico Senior High School, followed Pritchett in scoring with 14 points and Ed Jones added 11 points and as many rebounds.

Baruch was led by Kevin Goines' 12 points and 11 each from Chris McLeod and Charlie Hill.

Jim Collins led Trenton State with 15 points and Anthony Bowman followed with 14.

For the Bobcats, Dave Duda was high scorer with 12 points and Lee Radick added 10.

Sea Gulls Crown Two Classic Champs

Ron Pritchett Is Tournament MVP

SALISBURY — Ron Pritchett converted a three-point play late in overtime to give Salisbury State Colege a 67-64 lead and the Sea Gull held on for a 67-66 victory over Trenton State College here Saturday night to win their own Gull Basketball Classic.

For Salisbury State, which finished second in the tournament a year ago to St. Andrews, it was their fifth championship in the nine-year history of the tournament.

SSC jumped out to an early 12-0 lead with senior guard Scott Smith leading the early streak with six straight points. The Sea Gulls held a 14-3 lead before Trenton really got into the ball game.

In the second half, Trenton State tied the game at 54-54 at 3:44 for the first time. With Salisbury trailing with under 10 seconds left in regulation, Rick Sheets hit both ends of a one-and-one situation and tied the game at 60-60 to force the overtime.

Pritchett led all Salisbury State scorers with 21 points and grabbed six rebounds. Smith followed with 17 points and Ron's brother, Dave Pritchett added 11 points and had five assists.

Terry Polintz led Trenton State with 16 points, Anthony Bowman followed with 11 and Jim Collins added 10.

Joining Ron Pritchett on the all tournament team was Polnitz and Bowman, and Duane Glover of Spring Garden.

In the consolation final, Spring Garden defeated Baruch College 74-55.

Forward Paul Moyer led four Bobcats in double figures with a game-high 19 points. Center Duane Glover followed with 16 points, nine assists and four blocked shots, guard Dave Duda had 14 and guard Lee Radick added 13 and had eight assists for Sring Garden, 5-6.

Baruch was led by 10 points and eight assists from forward Charlie Powell and Charlie Hill grabbed eight rebounds for the Statesmen, 2-8.

DeJesus Sinks Game-Winning Free Throws

SALISBURY — Junior guard Diana DeJesus sank both ends of a one-and-one situation with five second remaining in overtime to lead Salisbury State College over Trenton State College in the championship game of the fourth annual women's Gull Basketball Classic here Saturday night.

While the Sea Gulls improved their record to 7-2, the victory was especially sweet for Salisbury, having lost to the Lady Bobcats in last year's championship game.

Salisbury won the championship in the Classic's initial year of 1980. The Gulls finished third in '81.

Sophomore guard Kim Fielder led the Sea Gulls in the overtime period by pumping in four of the teams's 11 points. She finished with 18 and moved up to eighth on the school's all-time scoring list with 518 points in 1½-season, passing Cindy Daughtery (515), a 1980 SSC graduate.

Fielder, who scored 24 points in Friday night's 85-73 win over Marymount in the first round, pumped in 14 points in the second half and was selected to the All-Classic team and named the Most Valuable Player.

Joining Fielder on the All-Classic team is teammate freshman guard Sara Marvel. The Sussex Central High graduate led the Sea Gulls in scoring with 20 points and grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds.

Sandy Seller and Shelly Walters, who were also named to the All-Classic team, led Trenton with 20 and 15 points, respectively.

In the consolation final, Spring Garden defeated Marymount 65-57.

Ann Wright, who was also on the All-Classic team, led Spring Garden with 17 points and five assists and April James had 6 points. Mary Orme grabbed 12 rebounds and Kathy Killian had nine points and eight rebounds.

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Melaine Balcomb led Trenton State with 24 points, while Shelly Walters had 18 and Sandy Sellers followed with 17 points.

April James sparked the Spring Garden offensive attack with a 20-point outing.

Salisbury State won their first edition of their Gull Classic in 1980 and finished third in the '81 tournament. A tournament was not held '82 and SSC finished runner-up last year.

Baruch No Obstacle For Sea Gulls

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College's men's basketball team will get an opportunity to win its own Gull Classic tonight for the fifth time in the tournament's nine-year history.

The Sea Gulls improved its overall record to 6-2 with an opening round victory over Baruch, 71-57, and will face Trenton State College into tonight's (9) final at the Maggs Physical Activities Center gymnasium.

In the other first round contest, Trenton State defeated the Spring Garden Bobcats 59-47. The Bobcats will face Baruch in today's consolation final at 5 for third place.

Ron Pritchett, who currently leads the Sea Gulls in scoring, sparked a trio of players in double-digit scoring with 20 points, including an 8-for-8 effort from the free throw line. He also grabbed five rebounds.

Senior guard Scott Smith, a local product from Wicomico Senior High School, followed Pritchett in scoring with 14 points and Ed Jones added 11 points and as many rebounds.

Baruch was led by Kevin Goines' 12 points and 11 each from Chris McLeod and Charlie Hill.

Jim Collins led Trenton State with 15 points and Anthony Bowman followed with 14.

For the Bobcats, Dave Duda was high scorer with 12 points and Lee Radick added 10.

Sea Gulls Crown Two Classic Champs

Ron Pritchett Is Tournament MVP

SALISBURY — Ron Pritchett converted a three-point play late in overtime to give Salisbury State Colege a 67-64 lead and the Sea Gull held on for a 67-66 victory over Trenton State College here Saturday night to win their own Gull Basketball Classic.

For Salisbury State, which finished second in the tournament a year ago to St. Andrews, it was their fifth championship in the nine-year history of the tournament.

SSC jumped out to an early 12-0 lead with senior guard Scott Smith leading the early streak with six straight points. The Sea Gulls held a 14-3 lead before Trenton really got into the ball game.

In the second half, Trenton State tied the game at 54-54 at 3:44 for the first time. With Salisbury trailing with under 10 seconds left in regulation, Rick Sheets hit both ends of a one-and-one situation and tied the game at 60-60 to force the overtime.

Pritchett led all Salisbury State scorers with 21 points and grabbed six rebounds. Smith followed with 17 points and Ron's brother, Dave Pritchett added 11 points and had five assists.

Terry Polintz led Trenton State with 16 points, Anthony Bowman followed with 11 and Jim Collins added 10.

Joining Ron Pritchett on the all tournament team was Polnitz and Bowman, and Duane Glover of Spring Garden.

In the consolation final, Spring Garden defeated Baruch College 74-55.

Forward Paul Moyer led four Bobcats in double figures with a game-high 19 points. Center Duane Glover followed with 16 points, nine assists and four blocked shots, guard Dave Duda had 14 and guard Lee Radick added 13 and had eight assists for Sring Garden, 5-6.

Baruch was led by 10 points and eight assists from forward Charlie Powell and Charlie Hill grabbed eight rebounds for the Statesmen, 2-8.

DeJesus Sinks Game-Winning Free Throws

SALISBURY — Junior guard Diana DeJesus sank both ends of a one-and-one situation with five second remaining in overtime to lead Salisbury State College over Trenton State College in the championship game of the fourth annual women's Gull Basketball Classic here Saturday night.

While the Sea Gulls improved their record to 7-2, the victory was especially sweet for Salisbury, having lost to the Lady Bobcats in last year's championship game.

Salisbury won the championship in the Classic's initial year of 1980. The Gulls finished third in '81.

Sophomore guard Kim Fielder led the Sea Gulls in the overtime period by pumping in four of the teams's 11 points. She finished with 18 and moved up to eighth on the school's all-time scoring list with 518 points in 1½-season, passing Cindy Daughtery (515), a 1980 SSC graduate.

Fielder, who scored 24 points in Friday night's 85-73 win over Marymount in the first round, pumped in 14 points in the second half and was selected to the All-Classic team and named the Most Valuable Player.

Joining Fielder on the All-Classic team is teammate freshman guard Sara Marvel. The Sussex Central High graduate led the Sea Gulls in scoring with 20 points and grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds.

Sandy Seller and Shelly Walters, who were also named to the All-Classic team, led Trenton with 20 and 15 points, respectively.

In the consolation final, Spring Garden defeated Marymount 65-57.

Ann Wright, who was also on the All-Classic team, led Spring Garden with 17 points and five assists and April James had 6 points. Mary Orme grabbed 12 rebounds and Kathy Killian had nine points and eight rebounds.

Marymount was led by 12 points from Kate Kimener, 11 each from Cindy Lee and Michele Miller and 10 from Mary Gardner.

Honored!

Ron Pritchett Of SSC Named Co-Rookie Of Week

SALISBURY — Freshman Ron Pritchett of Salisbury State College has been named the East Coast Athletic Conference's Co-Rookie of the Week.

Ron Pritchett

Pritchett, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the ninth annual Gull Classic for his 41-point, 11-rebound performance in two games which resulted in Salisbury winning the championship, shares the award with Rochester's Tyler Zachem.

Pritchett, a two-time Delaware High School All-State player from Sussex Central High School in Georgetown, is the first Salisbury basketball player to ever receive recognition from the ECAC.

The 6-1, forward currently leads the Sea Gulls in scoring after nine games with a 147 points for a 16.3 per-game average. He's 52-of-110 from the floor for 47.2 percent and 43-of-54 for 79.6 percent from the free throw line.

His 6.4 rebounds per game are second among his teammates and he averages eight assists a game.

Pritchett converted a three-point play with time running out in overtime Saturday to secure Salisbury's 67-66 victory over Trenton State College in the championship game of the Gull Classic.

The smooth-operating Pritchett led all scorers in the game with 21 points and he also grabbed six rebounds for Salisbury, now 1-0 in the Capital Conference and 7-2 overall.

SSC Five Buried In Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa. — Salisbury State College dropped a 72-54 decision to Hamilton College of New York Friday night in the opening round of the Scranton Invitational Basketball Tournament here.

The Sea Gulls, 7-3, will face Catholic University today at 6:15 p.m. in the consolation game. Hamilton will tackle Scranton University in the championship game.

SSC freshman Ron Pritchett led the Gulls with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Catholic led Scranton 35-32 at the intermission, before getting blown out in the second half to fall 76-56.

SSC Takes Third Spot In Scranton Basketball

SCRANTON, Pa. — Four Salisbury State College players found double figures as the Sea Gulls knocked off Catholic University 93-85 in the consolation game of the Scranton Holiday Basketball Invitational here Saturday.

The victory was the Gulls' eighth against three losses.

Salisbury was in control pretty much the entire game. With 2½ minutes left the Gulls were playing with a 19-point lead, but quickly saw it evaporate during a run by the Cardinals.

Freshman forward Ron Pritchett led SSC in scoring with 18 points. Ed Jones and Dave Pritchett fired in 16 apiece and Scott Smith contributed 15 for the winners, who had a slim 46-44 halftime lead.

Jones yanked down eight rebounds, while Dave Pritchett had six rebounds and seven assists.

Coach Ward Lambert said he is not disappointed with the Gulls' 8-3 record. "I was just happy we haven't lost two in a row this season." SSC takes the holiday off and will resume action on Jan. 7 at Stockton State.

Catholic University was led by the 28-point effort of John Winkler and teammate Ed Larkin flipped in a dozen for the Cardinals who dropped to 5-6 on the season.

SSC lost its tournament opener Friday night to Hamilton College and Scranton defeated Catholic. The two winners played in Saturday night's championship game.

SSC (93)

McShea 1 0-0 2, Hebron 1 0-0 2, Smith 7 1-4 15, Sheets 2 0-0 4, Baltimore 4 0-0 8, R. Pritchett 7 4-4 18, Alexander 1 0-0 2, D. Pritchett 5 6-7 16, CArter 3 0-0 6, Jones 6 4-4 16, Wainwright 1 2-4 4 (Totals: 38 17-20)

CATHOLIC (85)

Burns 4 0-2 8, Booth 2 0-0 4, Gallagher 1 0-0 2, Larkin 6 0-0 12, Winkler 11 6-7 28, Castro 0 2-2 2, O'Brien 3 0-0 6, Milhollan 1 0-0 2, Quinn 2 2-2 6, Cooper 2 0-0 4, McMahon 5 0-0 10 (Totals: 37 11-16)

GULLED!

SSC Quintet Rusty In 10-Point Triumph Over Stockton

POMONA, N.J. — If ever two separate halves of basketball were played in the same evening, Salisbury State College was forced to play them Monday night.

The Sea Gull easily jumped out to a 35-21 halftime lead over the Ospreys of Stockton State College, then were forced to fight tooth and nail to escape with a 74-64 victory in the Gulls' first outing since the holiday break.

Salisbury State, 9-3, returns home Wednesday night in the first of five consecutive home games against Lincoln at 7:30 p.m. in the Maggs Physical Activities Center.

Salisbury State led by as much as 17 points in the first half, due mainly to the shooting of junior Dave Pritchett and sophomore Ralph Baltimore, who combined for 18 first half points.

But, the Ospreys came alive in the second and used their obvious height advantage to cut the lead to as little as six points. Stockton's major weapon was 6-11 center John Walker, who blocked shot after shot (six in a row at one point) to shift the momentum.

But, the persistence of Salisbury native Ronnie Wainwright, playing at the center spot for the Sea Gulls in place of starter Ed Jones, who was benched with foul trouble, finally paid off.

Wainwright took the ball to the hoop against the New Jersey giant on four separate occasions, only to have the ball thrown back in his face. But the senior back-up center continued to drive and finally scored two quick buckets to give the momentum to Salisbury State.

Another Salisbury native, senior guard Scott Smith, was also criticial in the Gulls' ninth victory of the year. Smith bombarded the Ospreys with 18 footers throughout the second half, scoring 19 of his 25 points in the second half.

Stockton State, 4-8, was led by senior forward Jay Phillips, who scored a game-leading 28 points.

SSC Basketball Achieves Ranking

SALISBURY — Ward Lambert has waited ... and waited ... and waited.

Finally!

The usually low-key Salisbury State College basketball coach was estatic when learning Tuesday that his 9-3 Sea Gull team was nationally ranked — a first for SSC basketball.

The Gulls were selected the nation's No. 14-ranked team in this week's NCAA Division III poll.

With the announcement came a wave of smiles in the SSC athletic department.

The Gulls' lofty status is already in jeopardy with upcoming games against Lincoln University of Philadelphia tonight and arch-rival Washington College Saturday night. Both games are in Salisbury.

Tonight's clash against Lincoln is the beginning of a five-game homestand. On Tuesday the Gulls will entertain Virginia Wesleyan; on Dec. 17- Mary Washington and a 4 p.m. game is slated for Jan. 19 against St. Mary's College.

Only one other team in the Top 20 shows three losses. No. 8 Widener displays an identical record as SSC. Heading the poll is unbeaten Otterbein College at 12-0, followed by Potsdam, Wisconsin-Whitewater, Upsala, North Carolina Wesleyan, Nebraska Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Widener, Colby, and St. Norbert.

The second ten consists of Hartwick, Augsburg, LeMoyne-Owen, SSC, University of Mass.-Boston, Wilkes, Trenton State, Denison, Lycoming and Bishop.

Upsala is top ranked in the Division III South Atlantic Regional rankings, followed by SSC, Trenton State, William Paterson and New York Tech.

Div. III Top 20

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — The Top 20 teams in the first National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III basketball poll, with this season's records:

1.	Otterbein, Ohio	12-0
2.	Potsdam St., N.Y.	9-0
3.	Wis.-Whitewater	8-1
4.	Upsala, N.J.	7-1
5.	N. Carolina Wesleyan	9-1
6.	Nebraska Wesleyan	9-2
7.	Wittenberg, Ohio	12-1
8.	Widener, Ohio	9-3
9.	Colby, Maine	8-1
10.	St. Norbert, Wis.	6-2
11.	Hartwick, N.Y.	7-1
12.	Augsburg, Minn.	7-1
13.	LeMoyne-Owen, Tenn.	8-2
14.	SALISBURY ST., MD.	9-3
15.	Mass.-Boston	9-2
16.	Wilkes, Pa.	8-2
17.	Trenton St., N.J.	10-2
18.	Denison, Ohio	10-1
19.	Lycoming, Pa.	6-1
20.	Bishop, Texas	5-1

Salisbury Has No Trouble With Nemesis Lincoln

By MARK ZEIGLER

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College, unphased by their recent entry in the NCAA Division III Top Twenty (14th), easily disposed of Lincoln University from Philadelphia, 97-81 in men's collegiate basketball action at Maggs Gym Wednesday night.

SSC coach Ward Lambert was pleased with his team's performance over Lincoln, which has been one a Gulls nemesis in recent years. The Gulls, now 10-3, are ranked second in the South Atlantic Region, behind Upsala (7-1) from upstate New York.

SSC started off with a bang going out to an early 11-2 lead, before the Lions cut the deficit to two points at 15-13. Both teams traded baskets, with the Gulls gradually increasing their lead behind the offensive punch of freshman Ron Pritchett.

Scott Smith put the Gulls up by 16 at the 3:35 mark with a 47-31 lead, to give them their biggest margin in the half. The senior guard kept the point spread going into the lockers nailing a 30-foot jumper at the buzzer for a 55-39 lead.

Salisbury came out like gangbusters in the second half behind two quick baskets by center Ed Jones, before Lincoln settled the Gulls offense to a slower pace. The Lions came as close as 10 points to SSC at 67-57, but the Gulls with Smith and Ron Pritchett leading the way with their pure shooting and rebounding increased the lead to 18 points.

Smith led the SSC attack with 20 points, going 8-for-11 from the floor, and 4-for-5 from the line. Said Lambert, "Scott (Smith) did a really terrific job for us tonight," adding "he held us together" until the end.

Pritchett, a freshman, all rebounders with 11, tossing in 18 points, including 6-for-6 from the line. Jones, a senior, also hit double figures for SSC with 19 points, and seven rebounds.

Gull starters Dave Pritchett, Ron's older brother, and Brett Carter contributed nine and eight points, respectively, with reserve Reggie Alexander chipping in six.

Lincoln's Tyrone Howie led all scorers with 25, most coming off of missed shots, and teammate Casmir Corbin added 20 points for the Lions, now 4-5.

Salisbury State will now look forward to Eastern Shore rival Washington College at Maggs Gym Saturday night. The Shoremen defeated SSC last month in the Wild Goose Classic finals at Chestertown, scoring a last second shot at the buzzer.

Said co-captain Jones of his next opponent, "we have a big test against Washington (College), but if we can pull it out we'll be on our way."

SEA GULL NOTES: SSC shot 35-of-38 from the free throw line for a 92.1 percent average. Lincoln, on the other hand, didn't miss a shot, going 11-for-11 for the night. The Gulls shot 54.4 percent from the floor, while the Lions hit almost 50 percent.

SSC 97, Lincoln 81

Score by halves:

Lincoln	39	42 —81
SSC	55	42 —97

Salisbury State (97)

McShea 1 (0-0) 2. Hebron 0 (4-4) 4. Smith 8 (4-5) 20. Sheets 0 (1-2) 1.

Baltimore 2 (0-0) 4. R. Pritchett 6 (6-6) 18. Alexander 1 (4-4) 6. Bair 0 (0-0) 0. D. Pritchett 4 (1-1) 9. Carter 2 (4-4) 8. Jones 6 (7-8) 19.

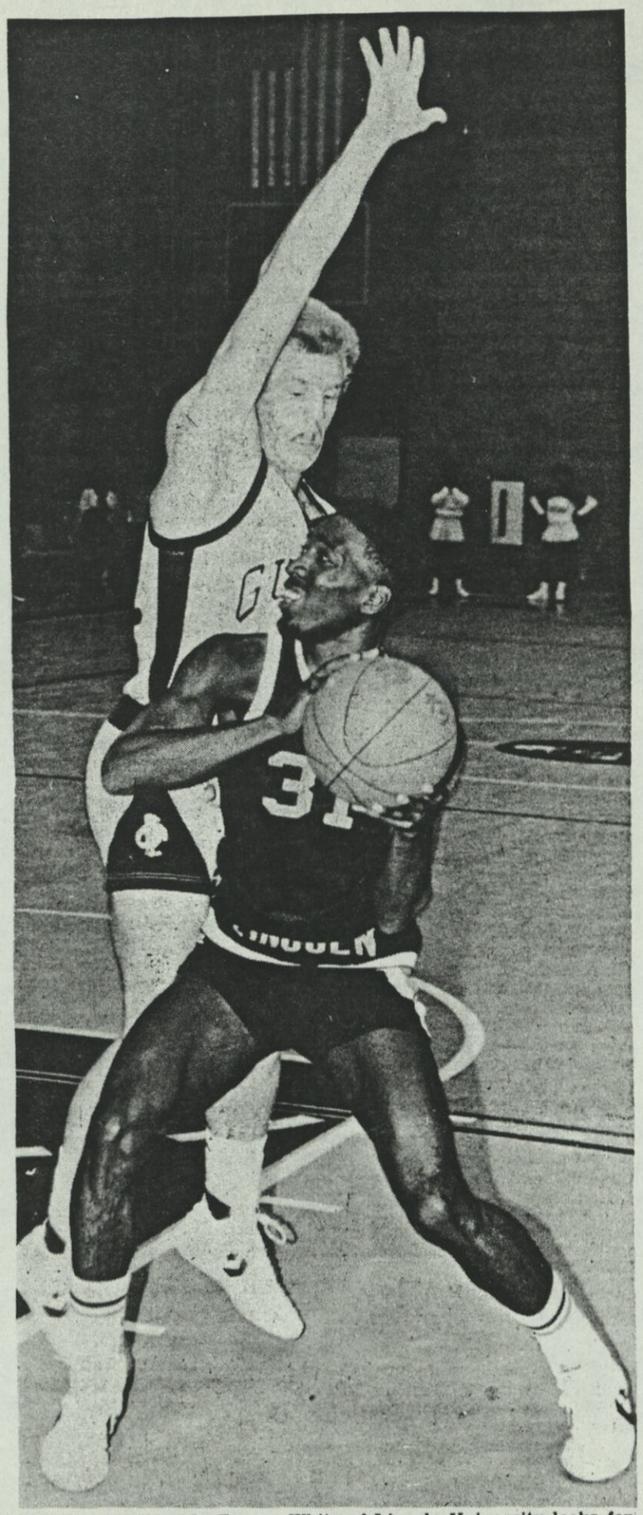
Weinwright 1 (2-2) 4. Pakuiniewicz 0 (2-2) 2. (Totals: 31 35-38 97).

Lincoln (81)

Johnson 0 (0-0) 0. Sinclair 3 (0-0) 6. Williams 2 (0-0) 4. McAdams 1 (0-0) 2

Church 3 (0-0) 6. Lisby 0 (0-0) 0. White 1 (2-2) 4. Howie 9 (7-7) 25.

Price 0 (0-0) 0. Corbin 9 (2-2) 20. Warren 1 (0-0) 2. Bey 3 (0-0) 6. Trueheart 3 (0-0) 6. (Totals: 35 11-11 81.



NO PLACE TO GO. Tyrone White of Lincoln University looks for someone to pass the ball to under the outstretched arm of Salisbury State College forward Brett Carter during first half action of their Wednesday night game in Salisbury. (Times Photo By Bill See)

Washington Rivalry Seen Best Around

BY GEORGE MCKIERNAN

SALISBURY — The pep band was blaring away from a spot high in the stands, aided by an impromptu group of students in zany costumes banging away on what appeard to be a homemade drum. Out on the hardwood floor two evenly matched teams were battling in a one-point game with only seconds to go.

It was NCAA Divsion III basketball at its best!

That was the scene Saturday night at the Maggs Physical Activities Center at Salisbury State College as the Sea Gulls and the Washington College Shoremen collided on the court in a dramatic contest. The Gulls squeaked out a 73-70 victory to avenge a two-point loss to Washington in the Wild Goose Classic in December.

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"If these same two teams played 10 times, each game would be a fight right down to the last buzzer," said Shoremen coach Tom Finnegan after the game.

Finnegan's assessment is probably right on the nose. In Saturday's game the score was tied on seven occasions, five times by Washington coming back to overcome Gull leads.

SSC gradually increased its lead to 16-10, but the Shoremen charged back once again with 10 unanswered points and a four-point lead before Ronnie Wainwright broke the spell with a Gull basket.

Washington opened its biggest lead of the night with a six-point bulge at 28-22 and it was Salisbury's turn to fight back.

Brett Carter scored from the top of the key and Scott Smith hit two jumpers in a row to tie the score at 28-28 and Dave Pritchett put SSC ahead with a close in spot and each team added a free throw and the half ended with the Gulls on top 31-29.

Bob Fornoff tallied four points in the first 30 seconds of the second half for another Washington lead. SSC took over again on a 3-point play by Jones and the Gulls held that edge until Fornoff popped in a turn-around jumper at the 9:45 mark and it was Washington, 54-53.

After Ralph Baltimore scored a basket and free throw, the Gulls were ahead until the Shoremen tied it again at 58-58. Finally, at the 1:02 mark, Yost put Washington ahead for the last time! at 70-69. Smith scored almost immediately for SSC and Washington, playing casegully, held the ball for a good shot.

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With 20 seconds to play Fornoff's shot fell short, but the Shoremen got the ball back with 11 seconds to go and called a timeout. However, Dave Pritchett was fouled on the inbound pass and he made good on his two free throws and that was it.

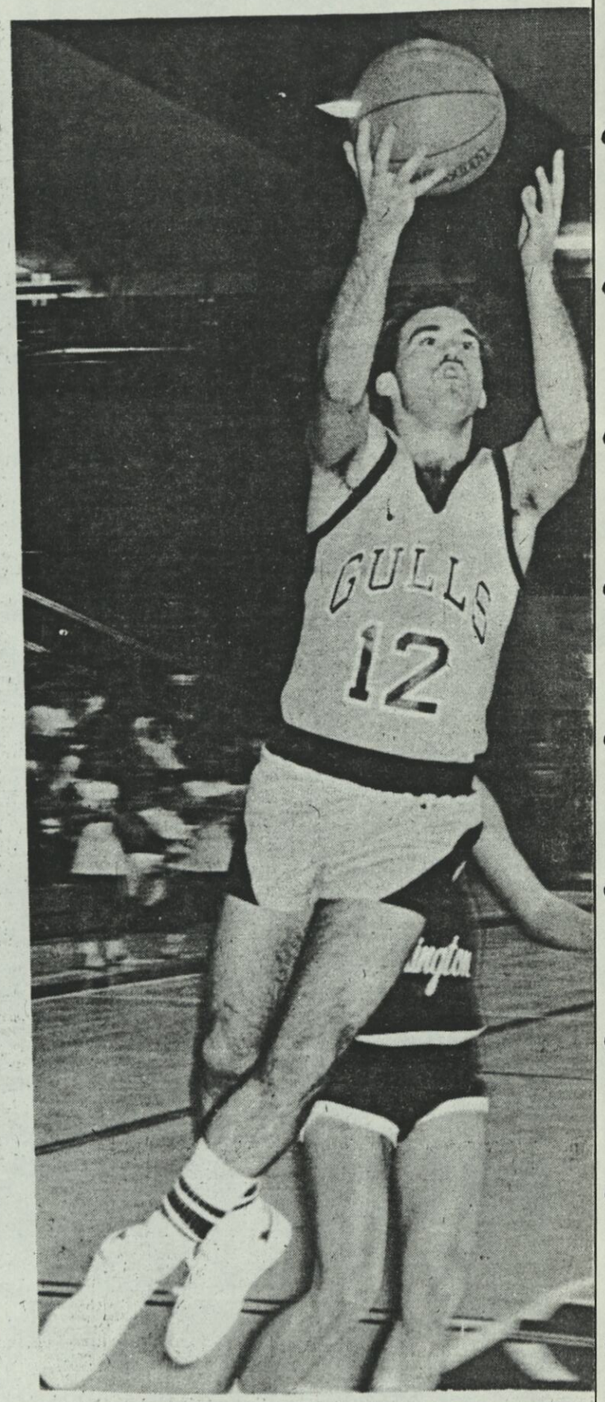
Ward Lambert, veteran SSC coach, was happy with the result, saying, "We played very well. We shot well and were good at the free throw line when we needed to be. Despite the pressure we kept our composure throughout the game."

"We wanted to run more but we couldn't — we are better as a running team but we played a good half-court game tonight," said Lambert.

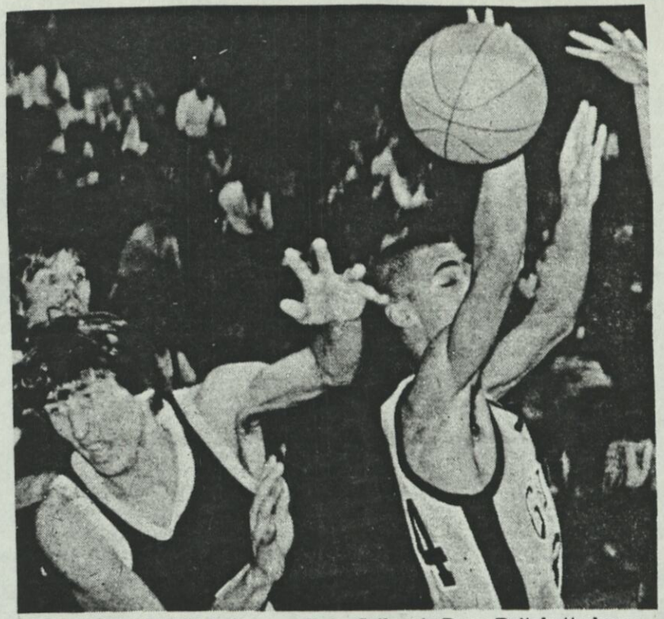
The Gulls, off to their best start in years, are now 11-3 and hope to improve on their 14th place Division III ranking in this week's poll. Washington fell to 6-6 after a good start earlier in the season.

"We have played well but have lost at least four very close decisions in recent games," said Finnegan.

The large crowd, over 1,000 paid, included a good sized contingent of Washington rooters as well as a large group of local fans who enjoyed a preliminary game between the SSC faculty and Peninsula General Hospital. The PGH Quackers won that one 32-27.



Scott Smith goes to the hoop for a pair Saturday night.



HEAVY TRAFFIC. Salisbury State College's Dave Pritchett closes his eyes and goes through heavy traffic during first half action against Washington College Saturday night at SSC. Washington's Bob Fornoff provides the defense for the Shoremen. (Times Photo by Bob Thomas)

Sea Gulls Nip Washington In Cage Thriller

By GEORGE MCKIERNAN

SALISBURY — Salisbury State's Dave Pritchett zeroed in on a pair of free throws with five seconds remaining to clinch a 73-70 victory over Washington College here Saturday night.

The Sea Gulls, ranked 14th in the most recent NCAA Division III poll, were defeated by the Shoremen in a December two-point loss at Chestertown in the finals of the Wild Goose Classic.

Pritchett, who had just four points in the first half, wound up with 17 points on the night. Center Ed Jones topped the Sea Gulls in scoring with an 18-point effort. Ron Pritchett followed with 14 and Scott Smith pumped in 12 for the winners, now 11-3.

SSC led at the half by two. Washington took the lead at 70-69 with 1:02 remaining, but Smith cashed in on a 15-foot jumper to put the Sea Gulls ahead to stay with 58 seconds left.

The Shoremen, 6-6, losers of five on the road this season, held onto the ball for about 20 seconds and took a shot which was short. The Shoremen got the ball back with 11 seconds left. While inbounding the Shoremen were called for a foul away from the ball, setting up Pritchett's free throws.

Bob Fornoff led all scorers with 22 points and Kurt Keller responded with 12 and Vince Gasior had 10 points for the losers.

Ralph Baltimore and Ron Pritchett led SSC in rebounding with nine each and Fornoff had six for the visitors.

Pritchetts team up for Salisbury

By JACK IRELAND
Staff reporter

DOVER — DeRoin Pritchett's dream was always to play on the same college basketball with his older brother David.

DeRoin, a first team All-State player last year at Sussex Central High, has seen that dream become a reality at Salisbury State College this season.

The brother combination from Sussex Central has made a big impact on the talented Sea Gulls Division III program. Salisbury is 11-3 following Saturday's 73-70 victory over Washington College and was ranked 14th nationally in the NCAA Division III rankings last week. It is the first time Salisbury State has been ranked nationally in basketball.

"It's great playing with David and getting better," said DeRoin, who led Delaware in scoring as a senior at Sussex with a 27.2 average.

"David and I have been playing basketball together for eight or nine years. He knows my moves and I know his. This means a lot to me. This is exactly what I wanted and things are working as I planned. I'm definitely happy playing here."

David Pritchett feels DeRoin may have passed up a chance to play Division I basketball to be on the same team with his brother.

"I graduated from Sussex in 1981 and missed playing with DeRoin by a year," said Dave. "It's a neat feeling to be starting forwards on the same team with him. He obviously helps us in scoring and is a great passer. We are not a big team, but DeRoin helps plug up the middle inside."

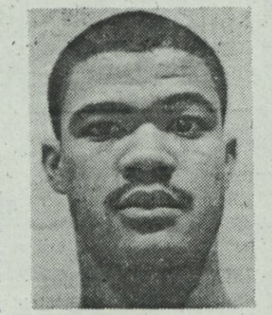
Sea Gulls Coach Ward Lambert, in his 15th season, is elated to have the talented brother combination on his club. With DeRoin and standout guard Scott Smith on the team Lambert has his eyes set on a his first 20 win season and a berth in the Division IH tournament.

"It meant everything for Ron to play college ball with his brother," said Lambert, a 1956 graduate of Mount Pleasant, where he played basketball for Jack Ramsey, the head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers.

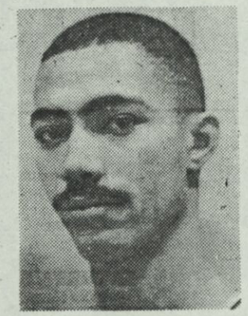
"There are three main things I like about Ron and David. First they are local kids and I like to build my team with local players. They are hard workers. Third, they are great kids and a credit to our program.

"We had a pretty good team before Ron got here, but he sure didn"t hurt us," said Lambert. He is the type player who put us over the hump this year. Having two local kids like this is a real bonanza for us."

DeRoin and senior guard Scott Smith lead the team in scoring. Smith, a flasy guard, is averaging around 15 points. Pritchett is averaging 15.7 points and six rebounds a game. After a slow start, Pritchett has made 47 percent of his shots from the field and 81 percent at the foul line in the first 13 games before Washington. He was named the most valuable player at the Sea Gulls Tournament last month.



DeRoin Pritchett



Dave Pritchett

David, a 6-3 junior, is a solid player in all areas. He is averaging 10.9 points, shooting just under 50 per cent from the field and was second to Smith in assists with 47 before the Washington game.

Defense is his strong suit. In 13 games before Washington he had 18 steals, taken the offensive charge nine times and blocked four shots. He is a leader on and off the court.

"The adjustment from high school to college did not exactly come easy," said DeRoin Pritchett, who scored 1,396 career points in high school

"I can't throw up my jumper any time I want and have worked hard on my defense and scoring inside. My defense is tested every game and I have to block out here if I want to rebound. I think I'm getting better every day and my brother is a big reason for that."

Lambert feels DeRoin Pritchett has the ability to be an All-American player before his career is over.

"Ron takes advantage of what the opposing team gives him," said Lambert, who is also high on freshman guard Rick Sheets of Archmere.

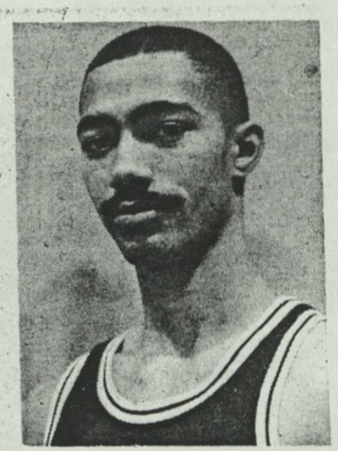
"He has a great attitude and knows the game so well. In my opinion he is not even two-thirds of where he can be some day. He has great potential. I don't think Ron realizes just how good he can be. It's just great to have him here."

SSC Homestand Resumes Tonight

SALISBURY — Some have called Saturday night's victory over rival Washington College as one of the "biggest" basketball wins in Salisbury State College history.

Two Dave Pritchett free throws in the waning seconds of the contest sealed it for the Sea Gulls, who are expected to jump up a few spots in the latest NCAA Division III poll from their present 14th position.

It's back to reality tonight, however. Both of Salisbury State's basketball teams will be in action tonight at the Maggs Center against Virginia Wesleyan College, women's action scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the men's game following at 7:30 p.m. Tonight's game mark the middle of a Sea Gull homestand, with other home games scheduled for this Thursday and Saturday.



Dave Pritchett

The Virginia Wesleyan men have not fared as well but should prove to be quite an opponent for the streaking Sea Gulls, who have won their last four games and eight of their last 10 for an 11-3 record. The 6-7 Blue Marlins bring an offense led by senior Kevin Smith, who averages 21 points a game. Forward Ed Cowell averages 9.2 rebounds a game and will have a tough battle against SSC center Ed Jones on the boards.

Jones, the senior co-captain of Salisbury State, has come to life in the last couple of games, turning in performances of 19 and 18 points along with several key rebounds in wins over Lincoln and Washington.

Tonight is Salisbury Jaycee Night at the Maggs Center, with the Sea Gulls honoring all area Jaycee members.

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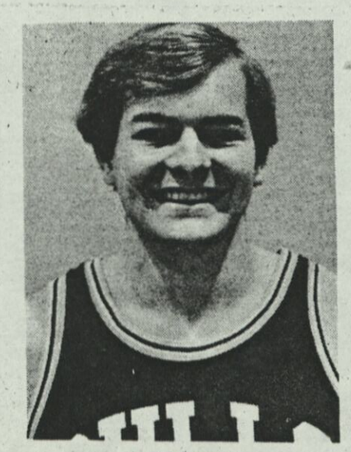
Coach Deirdre Kane's lady Gulls are coming off a road loss last Tuesday to Stockton State of New Jersey 78-63. The loss snapped a six-game winning streak for the Sea Gulls, putting them at 8-4 overall. Junior Sara Marvel and sophomore Kim Fiedler have been putting the spark in the Sea Gull offense all season long, with Fiedler averaging 16.9 points per game and Marvel 14.3. Marvel, from Sussex Central High, also leads the team in rebounding with 9.2 boards a game.



Ed Jones

The Blue Marlins of Virginia Wesleyan are led by junior forward Amy Simpson, who leads in both scoring and rebounding, tossing in 19.8 points a game and bringing down 11.4 rebounds a game. Simpson is aided by the play of senior Sabrina Moody, who leads the Dixie Conference with a 64 percent average from the floor.

The Marlins are 7-5 so far, having won their last four in a row and six of the last seven. They are undefeated in their conference and look to be one of the Gulls' toughest opponents so far this year.

SSC Leaps In Polls, Over Marlins

By JERRY THOMAS
Special To Times

SALISBURY — A couple hours earlier, the Salisbury State College basketball team learned it had leaped from No. 14 in the latest NCAA Division III poll to No. 11. But prosperity didn't come all that easily Tuesday night.

After a see-saw battle during the first 17 minutes, the SSC men's team opened up a nine-point halftime lead, and went on to down the visiting Blue Marlins from Virginia Wesleyan, 85-71 at Maggs gym. The Gulls used a full court pressure defense and shot a sizzling 69 percent from the floor to take hold of the contest.

Ward Lambert's squad used a patient offense to open up a 16-point second half lead with 12 minutes remaining. The Gulls were led during this spurt by the defense and rebounding of Ed Jones and Dave Pritchett, with Scott Smith suppling the outside jumpers.

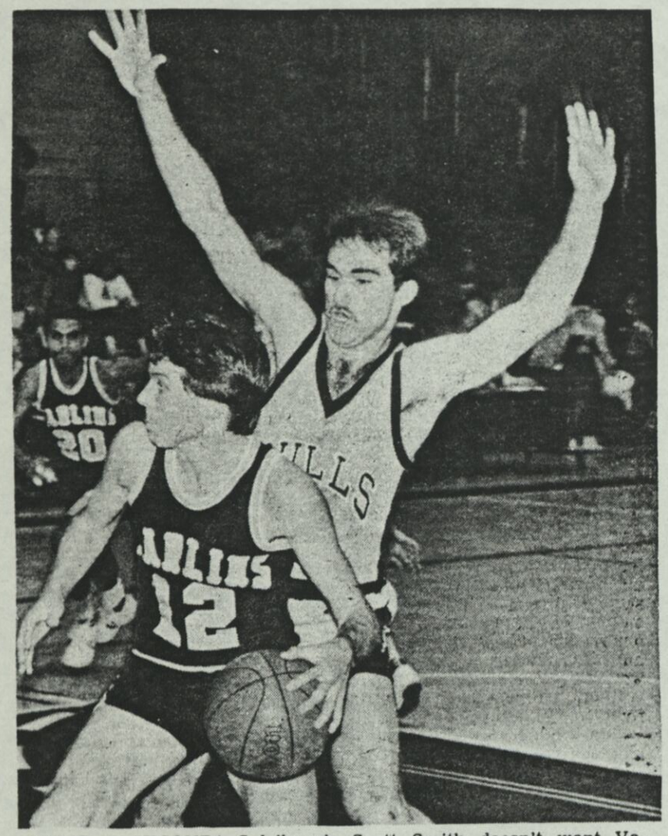
At this point, Virginia Wesleyan tried a full court pressure defense against the Gulls, but to no avail. The Gulls easily handled the pressure, with Ralph Baltimore catching fire and scoring 13 second half points, including a dunk which brought the crowd to its feet with 10 seconds remaining. This helped the Gulls' triangle offense which worked flawlessly in the last five minutes of the game.

The first half, which saw the lead change hands nine times, was played with both teams trading baskets. It wasn't until the last three minutes that the Gulls used their pressure defense and their dominance on the backboard, enabling them to break open a tight contest.

Salisbury's Ron Pritchett grabbed four rebounds and scored 10 points to lead the team into the locker room with a 42-33 halftime lead.

Salisbury, now ranked 11th and first in the South Atlantic region, improved its record to 12-3 on the season, 6-0 at home, while the Blue Marlins dropped to 6-8.

The Gulls were led by Smith, who had a game-high 20 points. Baltimore added 15 points, while Jones and Ron Pritchett tossed in 12 apiece. Tim Price led the Blue Marlin attack with 18 points.



WAIT A SECOND! Salsibury's Scott Smith doesn't want Va. Wesleyan guard Roger Burnham slipping past him along the baseline during Tuesday night action at Salisbury State College. Smith poured in 20 points to leads the Gulls to victory. (Times Photo by Bill See)

Salisbury Must Wait For Mary Washington Clash

SALISBURY — The Salisbury State College Sea Gulls, defending Capital Conference champions, will have to wait a few days to face conference foe Mary Washington.

Tonight's game scheduled at at the Maggs Center was postponed until a late date because of inclement weather.

The Gulls are at the point in the 1984-85 basketball schedule that has them playing all three conference foes back-to-back over a one-week period.

The Sea Gulls, 12-3 follwing an 85-71 win over Virginia Wesleyan Tuesday evening and ranked 11th in this week's NCAA Division III basketball poll, will face all three Capital Conference members within the next week, playing St. Mary's to finish a five game homestand Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m., then traveling to Frostburg State next Tuesday and Mary Washington next Friday.

The Salisbury State women were also schedule to play tonight, but their game with Galludet College of Washington, D.C., (a make-up game) was also postponed. The women's game was to ber the first of three game to be followed by the Salisbury-Wicomico Arts Council playing the WBOC-TV 16 All-Stars in a charity game at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the games will benefit the Arts Council.

That game has been rescheduled for Feb. 7 prior to Salisbury's men's game against York College and after the women's contest with Notre Dame.

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Coach Ward Lambert's Sea Gulls have won six of their last eight games and have not lost in two years of competition in the Capital Conference, with a perfect 6-0 slate in the 1983-84 regular season, then going on to handily win the conference post-season tournament. The Gulls' only conference game of the 1984-85 season so far was a 66-48 win over St. Mary's.

Senior Scott Smith, a Wicomico Senior High School graduate, continues to have the hot hand for the Gulls, having failed to reach double figures in only one game this season. His 20-point performance against the Blue Marlins of Virginia Wesleyan was his third plus-20 point game of the season.

The Lambert game plan of hustle, rebounding and good shots is taking shape very well, giving the Gulls the ability to go to the bench to give reserve players some action. Ralph Baltimore and Kyra "Cup" Hebsoo lave seen considerable playing time of late as has Ron Wainwright.

Mary Washington comes into the game with a 4-6 record and a 1-0 record in the conference, having beaten St. Mary's 113-90 Tuesday night. Forward Buddy Hawley leads the Blue Tide, the No. 2 team in the conference last year, with 16.7 points a game and 8.2 rebounds. Coach Tom Davies also looks to senior center Tony Farris for scoring support, Farris a three-year starter and the second leading scorer and rebounder last year.

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Coach Deirdre Kane's Sea Gulls defeated Virginia Wesleyan 68-64 Tuesday night. Junior Sara Marvel scored 16 points and Jacque Cowan's 13 points were a season high for her.

The Sea Gulls, 9-4 overall are in need of a win to start the ball rolling on another win streak, their loss to Stockton State last week snapped the six-game streak that started with an 83-49 win over the same Virginia Wesleyan team they struggled to beat Tuesday.

The featured benefit game puts the Salisbury/Wicomico Arts Council against the WBOC TV 16 All-Star. On-air personalities George Evanko, Bruce Vale, Gary Tuchman, Craig Demchak and rookie Ken Stone will start for the All-Stars.

SEA GULL NOTES: All men's games can be heard over WSBY AM 960, beginning with the pregame show with Paul Butler and Tim Sponaugle ... Saturday's women's and men's doubleheader against St. Mary's will begin with the women's game at 2 p.m., followed at 4 p.m. with the men's game.

Salisbury State Five Has Field Day With 'Hawks

By JERRY THOMAS
Special To The Times

SALISBURY — The Salisbury State men's basketball team improved their record to 13-3 on the season, and their Capital Confrence record to 2-0, by pounding visiting St. Mary's 91-45 here Saturday.

The Sea Gulls, who held a 40-33 halftime lead, ran off 12 straight second half points before the Seahawks' Leon Turner answered with two with 14:49 to play. The Gulls then promptly scored 19 more points to open up a 36-point lead, 71-35, with 11 minutes remaining. The impressive Salisbury defense held the Seahawks to a mere 12 second-half points.

The Sea Gulls opened the game by scoring the first eight points of the contest before the Seahawks got on track. The game then saw both teams trade baskets throughout the remainder of the half. Ed Jones led the Gulls with eight first half points, while Mike Glick tossed in 12 points for the Seahawks.

The second half saw the Gulls offense explode for 51 points. Ron Pritchett and Jones controled the backboards and the fast-breaking Gulls turned on the offense, with every Salisbury player scoring. The Gulls defense was just as impressive, holding the Seahawks to 27 percent shooting from the field.

Dave Pritchett led the Gulls with a game-high 17 points, Jones added 15 points and brought down a game-high nine rebounds, while Scott Smith tossed in 13 points and dished off five assists.

Mike Glick tallied 14 points and Leon Turner added 12 points to pace the Seahawks.

Men's Basketball

SALISBURY 91, ST. MARY'S 45

Score by halves:

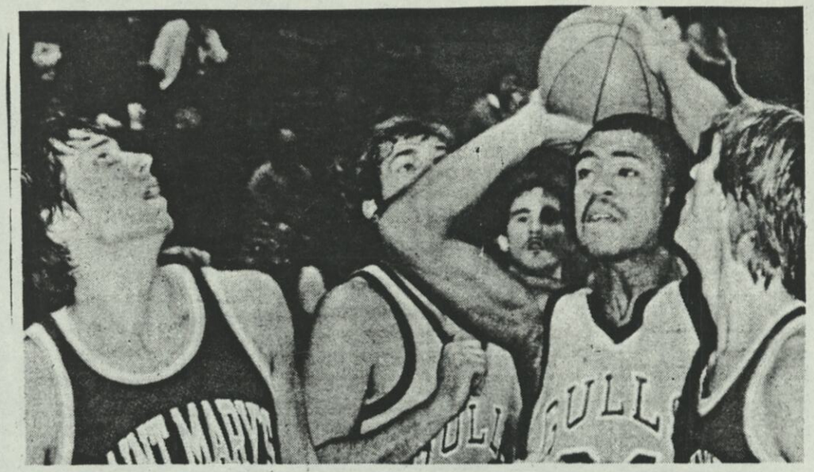
St. Mary's	33	12	—45
Salisbury	40	51	—

St. Mary's (45)

Ernest 4-2-10, Muehling 1-0-2, Glick 4-6-14, Turner 6-0-12, Phillips 1-1-3, Hamilton 1-0-2, Richman 1-0-2. (Totals: 18 9-16 45)

Salisbury (91)

McSbea 1-0-2, Nobron 1-0-2, Smith 5-3-13, Sheets 2-0-4, Kleek 2-0-4, Baltimore 2-1-5, R. Pritchet 5-2-10, Alexander 0-3-3, Bair 0-1-1, D. Pritchett 7-1-17, Carter 1-0-2, Jones 7-1-15, Wainwright 1-7-9, Zakhiewicz 2-0-4. (Totals: 36 19-26 91)



LOADING UP. Salisbury State College's Ron Pritchett is about to let go of a second half shot in the face of St. Mary's defenders Rich Muehling and Scott Phillips. (Times Photo by Bob Thomas)

INTENSITY. Salisbury State College center Ed Jones has an intense look on his face as he hauls down an defensive rebound between St. Mary's College defenders Scott Phillips, left, and Brian Hamilton during second half action of their Saturday afternoon basketball game in Salisbury. The Sea Gulls defeated St. Mary's. (Times Photo By Bob Thomas)

Hot Gulls Visit Chilly Frostburg Tonight

FROSTBURG — Believe it or not there is a colder place in the state than Salisbury and the Salisbury State College Sea Gulls are visiting here tonight to face Frostburg State College in a Capitol Conference game.

Currently ranked 11th among NCAA Division III schools across the country, the Sea Gulls will tangle with the Bobcats in an 8 p.m. contest.

In a 6 p.m. preliminary game, the SSC women's meet the 14th-ranked Bobkittens.

The SSC men's team is almost playing hot enough to melt the snow which has piled to nearly two feet around Bobcat Arena. The Gulls have won their last six games in a row to boost their record to 13-3.

Leading the Sea Gulls has been the sharpshooting talents of senior Scott Smith and freshman Ron Pritchett, who both own a 15-points per-game scoring average.

Pritchett and center Ed Jones share the rebounding lead by holding a 6.6 rebounds per-game norm. Junior Dave Pritchett (Ron's older brother) has come alive in the past two weeks for the Gulls, who are 2-0 in the conference, scoring a game-high 17 points against conference foe St. Mary's on Saturday.

Frostburg State has been able to salvage only three wins so far this season, having several recent games postponed due to inclement weather.

Junior wing-man Eddie Rutledge leads the Bobcats in several categories for the second season in a row. The Rockville High School graduate is ranked eighth in the nation in scoring percentage, averaging 25 points a game.

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The Salisbury women's team has its work cut out against the Bobkittens. Frostburg State is led by senior forward Kathy Orsini, who averages 12.7 rebounds a game to go along with a 12-points per-game scoring norm.

For Salisbury State (10-4), junior Sara Marvel has led the team to eight wins in their last nine games. Marvel has been the leading scorer for the Gulls in four of their last five games, hitting four 24 points against St. Mary's in the Gulls 81-41 win Saturday.

Sophomore Kim Fiedler, sidelined with knee and back problems over the weekend, is expected to return for tonight's game. She leads the team in scoring (16.1). Kathy DeGrazia grabbed 11 rebounds against St. Mary's and will also see some action tonight.

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SEA GULL NOTES: The SSC-Frostburg State men's game can be heard live over Salisbury radio 960 WSBY beginning with the pre-game show with Paul Butler and Steve Blake at 7:50 p.m. ... This week's NCAA Division III basketball poll will be announced prior to the game during the radio pre-game show ... The Sea Gulls' men's team ended its five-game home stand Saturday and continued to remain undefeated at the Maggs Center with a 7-0 record ... SSC is 2-2 on the road and 4-1 on a neutral court ... The women have lost one game each at home and on the road with a 1-2 record on a neutral site.

Sara Marvel

Gulls' Streak Broken

FROSTBURG — Salisbury State College's No. 9 ranking did little good against upstart Frostburg State here Tuesday night.

The host Bobcats stunned SSC in double overtime 79-77 in a Capital Conference clash.

Having entered the NCAA Division III top ten no more than hours prior to the game, SSC (13-4), 2-1) was confident that no problems would be had on their first road trip since early January.

The Sea Gulls had several chances to win the game in the final seconds of regulation and the overtimes, with balls missing the mark on shots or being turned over on ill-advised passes and moves. Sophomore Ralph Baltimore's layup with 1:26 remaining in regulation sent the game into overtime tied at 69. SSC was patient in the first overtime period, getting points on layups from Dave Pritchett and Baltimore before Derrick Flood hit both ends of a free throw situation with four seconds left. The scored was knotted at 71 entering the second overtime.

Scott Smith provided SSC with four second overtime points, but SSC turned the ball over and after a foul Jerry Hampton was Frostburg hit two free throws with five seconds left to win the game.

Smith led SSC with 20 points and Baltimore had 16. Dave Pritchett followed with 14 and Ed Jones 11. Hampton topped the Bobcats with 18. Ron Pritchett of SSC led all rebounders with nine.

The loss snapped an SSC seven-game winning streak. The Gulls had won 10 in a row over the two years of conference play.

Frostburg State is 5-8 overall.

Gulls' Ranking In Jeopardy At M. Washington

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Attempting to rebound from Tuesday's double-overtime loss to Frostburg State, the Salisbury State men's basketball team will be here tonight to take on the Blue Tide from Mary Washington College in another Captial Conference contest.

Salisbury went into Tuesday's game at Frostburg as the ninth ranked team in Division III basketball. That ranking will be on the line as the Sea Gulls need wins over the Blue Tide and against Roanoke College on Monday to stay among the top 20.

"Now's the time that we see what our team is made of," said SSC coach Ward Lambert. "If this team wants to go to the NCAA playoffs, then we'll win some more games. But if they don't, then we could have a long rest of the season."

Mary Washington comes into the game with a 5-8 record. The Blue Tide is led by junior forward Bob Hawley, who's averaging 18 points an outing and is second on the team in rebounding. Tony Farris, the Tide's 6-5 center, is averaging 10 a game.

The Blue Tide is 1-0 in conference play with a 113-90 win over St. Mary's to thier credit. Salisbury is 13-4 on the year and 2-1 in the Capital Conference, their only loss coming to the Bobcats of Frostburg Tuesday night.

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Like their male counterparts, Deirdre Kane's Sea Gull women's basketball team will be looking to bounce back from a defeat at Frostburg against a very tough Mary Washington club.

The 10-5 Sea Gulls need to put together a string of victories and get some held if they hope to earn a playoff spot in March.

Despite a 3-8 record, Mary Washington's lineup boasts two of the better players in th Division III women's basketball. Ruth Bonner, the Blue Tide's 6-1 center, leads the nation in rebounding, averaging 15 a game. Her season-best was a 34 carom effort against Chowan earlier in the season. Complimenting Bonner is junior Candice Fletcher, a fine outside shooter that leads the team in scoring, hitting for 17 points a game.

No. 9 SSC Rallies Past Pesky MWC

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — It took four Scott Smith free throws in the waning moments of the game for the Salisbury State College men's basketball team to secure a 69-64 win over Mary Washington College Friday night.

A lackluster first half performance, which may have been partially attributed to the absence of leading scorer Ron Pritchett, left the Sea Gulls on the short end of a 44-37 halftime score.

The Blue Tide controlled the offensive boards throughout the first 20 minutes, outrebounding the Gulls by an astonishing 40-14 figure. Salisbury began to assert themselves in the second 20 minutes, holding their hosts to one shot and outrebounding them 16-13. That proved to be the difference down the stretch as the Gulls held Mary Washington to just 20 second half points.

The second half see-sawed back and forth until Dave Prtichett's breakaway layup with 1:26 to go gave the Gulls a two-point edge. Smith's tacked on four free throws as the Blue Tide was forced to foul to get the ball back.

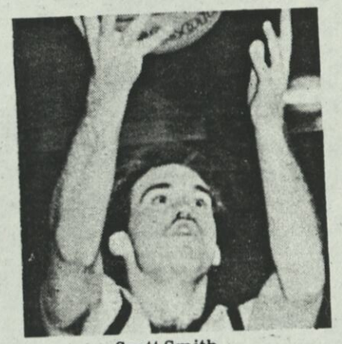
Pritchett filled the void left by his brother, throwing in a game-high 24 points to pace the Gulls. Ralph Baltimore was the only other Gull in double figures, finishing with 16. Smith managed only nine points, far below his 15 point per game average.

The Capital Conference victory upped the Gulls' league mark to 3-1 while improving their overall slate to 14-4.

Buddy Hawley led Mary Washington with 21 points, while Mark Blackwell finished with 11.

The Blue Tide slipped to 1-1 in league play and 5-9 overall.

Salisbury will travel to Roanoke College Monday night.



Scott Smith

GULLS 69, BLUE TIDE 64

Score by halves:

Salisbury	37	32	—69
Mary Washington	44	20	—64

Salisbury (69)

D. Pritchett 8-8-24, Jones 3-0-6, Carter 1-0-2, Smith 2-5-9, Baltimore 8-0-16, McShea 1-3-5, Hebron 1-1-3. Totals: 25-19-69

Mary Washington (64)

Baldwin 4-1-9, Hawley 7-7-21, Farris 3-0-6, Smith 4-1-9, Jones 1-0-2, Blackwell 4-3-11, Suter 1-0-2, Coles 0-1-1, McCormick 0-3-3. Totals: 24-16-64

Bozman Finds Home At Roanoke

Salisbury's Top 20 Status In Jeopardy

By BILL SEE
Times Sports Staff

SALEM, Va. — All Greg Bozman ever wanted to do was to stay in one college and play basketball.

Well, after a three-year odyssey, including stops at two major universities and a prep school, Bozman has apparently found a home at Roanoke College — a Division III school.

"Greg seems to be very satisfied here," said Roanoke's Sports Information Director Mike McCall. "He's expressed that he like's the small college atmosphere and he's just happy to be getting plenty of playing time."

As a starting shooting forward for head coach Ed Green's Maroons, Bozman has struggled through a season-long scoring slump, but has played in 14 of 15 games this year.

The 6-foot-4, 190-pound junior brings an 8.8 point per-game scoring average into tonight's game against No. 9 ranked Salisbury State College. Bozman has been getting his shots (60-of-150 from the floor), but hasn't been able to find any consistency.

That same lack of consistency has plagued Roanoke all season long. The Maroons are 12-5, but have not broke into the national rankings. Last year, Roanoke finished ranked second in the nation among Division III schools

THE SEA Gulls bring to Salem a 14-4 record and put their national ranking on the line after defeating Mary Washington College on Friday 69-64 in a Capital Conference game. On Tuesday, the Gulls lost to unranked Frostburg State in double-overtime 79-77.

Junior Dave Pritchett was the only bright spot for the Sea Gulls Friday night. The 6-2 forward canned 24 points and hauled down nine rebounds — most of which came in the first half when Salisbury was outrebounded by MWC 40-14.

Clutch free throw shooting by seniors Scott Smith and Joe McShea along with Pritchett in the game's final minutes allowed Salisbury to hold on to the come-from-behind victory.

The victory assured the Sea Gulls of a winning record for the fourth straight year and the seventh in the last nine.

The Maroons are coming off a five-points win over Bridgewater Saturday night. Winner's of four consecutive Old Dominion Conference titles, the Maroons have fashioned six consecutive 20-game winning seasons.

Seniors Reggie Thomas and Shane Abernathy are the key figures in the Maroons' offense. Thomas, a 6-1 guard, is the Maroon's returning All-American, having averaged 13.3 points per game this season. Abernathy, a 6-7 center, is up for All-American consideration this year. He is currently averaging 16.3 points and nine rebounds a game.

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It was a long road to Roanoke for Bozman, though.

Prior to his enrollment at Roanoke last fall, Bozman attended the University of West Virginia were he played sparringly for the Mountaineers, but he didn't complete the season.

The year before, Bozman enrolled at the University of Georgia. There he saw limited time for the Bulldogs, getting playing time in less than a hand full of games before he returned home to Princess Anne, Md.

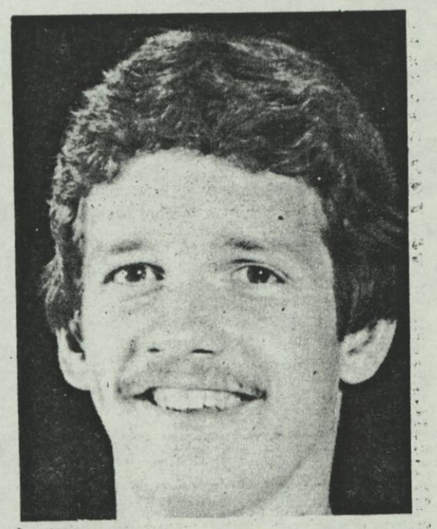
It was in Crisfield where Bozman's hardwood prowess was first discovered playing under former Crisfield head coach Bill Cain. Under Cain, who coached numerous state championship teams, Bozman developed into one of the purest shooters in the area.

An all-Bayside Conference performer, Bozman averaged 17.5 points a game in his season campaign.

Bozman attended Fork Union prep school right out of high school and was one of eight players to go on to Division I basketball programs. At Fork Union, Bozman averged under 10 points and 8.7 rebounds a game.

While Bozman admits the lack of playing time was discouraging, family problems have also disrupted his lift the last several years.

Things are definitely better for Bozman at Roanoke. His schoolwork is coming along fine and he's looking forward to his senior year and graduation.



Greg Bozman

Baltimore Sinks Roanoke; Gulls Improve To 15-4

SALEM, Va. — Sophomore Ralph Baltimore hit a turnaround jumper in the lane with two seconds left to give No. 9 ranked Salisbury State College a 60-59 Division III basketball victory over Roanoke College here Monday night.

The Gulls (15-4) trailed 57-52 with 2:14 remaining when Roanoke went into a four corners offense. Pressure by Salisbury State allowed seniors Brett Carter and Scott Smith to steal the ball for easy lay ups with Carter being fouled on one play and hitting two free throws.

Roanoke's Reggie Thomas, who finished the game with 14 points, hit a 20-foot jumper with 1:10 remaining to put the Maroons (12-6) back in the lead 59-58. After two SSC timeouts, running the clock down to seven seconds, Joe McShea saw Baltimore open in the lane and dished it off for the winning bucket.

"That's the beauty of having three players on the floor at the same time that can score," said Salisbury State coach Ward Lambert, alluding to the fact that both Dave Pritchett and Scott Smith were being closely guarded when McShea found Baltimore in the clear.

"We handled their four corners offense really well there at the end," said Lambert, whose Gulls are now 4-3 on the road. "I really liked the way we won the game because we did it with defense. We got aggressive and showed that we are beginning to believe in ourselves."

The Sea Gulls trailed 35-33 at the intermission and then fell behind by eight points on three separate occasions in the second period. Turnovers killed the Maroons' chance at a victory, losing 11 balls to Salisbury's six.

"Every club gets up for us and I guess that's the way we'll have to play the rest of the season in order to win," said Lambert. Baltimore led the Sea Gulls with a career-high 18 points, while teammates Smith and Pritchett tossed in 10 points each. Jim Rocco led the Maroons with 18 points, Shane Abernathy pitching in with 12 points.

MISSION, Kan. (AP) • The Top 20 teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III basketball poll, with this season's records through games of Jan. 28.

1.	Wittenberg, Ohio	18-1
2.	Nebraska Wesleyn	14-2
3.	Potsdam St., N.Y.	16-1
4.	Colby, Maine	14-1
5.	Widener, Pa.	14-4
6.	Trenton St.	18-2
7.	N.C. Wesleyn	15-2
8.	North Park, Ill.	15-3
9.	Otterbein, Ohio	16-2
10.	Wis-Whitewater	13-4
11.	Augsburg, Minn.	13-4
12.	Lycoming, Pa.	13-2
13.	Salisbury St., Md.	15-4
14.	Hartwick, N.Y.	12-3
15.	LeMyne-Owen, Tenn.	14-4
16.	Bishop, Texas	11-2
17.	Worcester, Mass.	12-3
18.	Nazareth, N.Y.	13-2
19.	Hope, Mich.	13-3
20.	Monmouth, Ill.	12-3
tie	Washington-Jffrsn	12-3

Ron Pritchett Returns For Gulls Tonight

SALISBURY — Freshman forward Ron Pritchett, Salisbury State College's leading scorer, returns to uniform tonight at Maggs PAC after a two-game leave of absence for personal reasons.

Pritchett missed the 13th-ranked Gulls (15-4) last two starts when SSC traveled to Mary Washington and Roanoke Colleges. Salisbury won both games. A graduate of Sussex Central in Delaware, Pritchett is averaging better than 15 points and six rebounds a game as the starting big forward.

Salisbury takes on York College at 8:30 p.m., while the women's team entertains Notre Dame at 5:30.

SIZZLING!

Dave Pritchett Stars In Sea Gulls' Rout Of Spartans

SALISBURY — A Salisbury State College second half rally blew apart visiting York College as the 13th ranked Sea Gulls defeated the Spartans 78-52 in men's collegiate basketball action here Saturday night.

Dave Pritchett led the Gulls' attack with 21 points and eight rebounds. Teammate Scott Smith, who opened the game with four quick baskets, finished the night with 14 points, while Brett Carter and Ed Jones added 11 markers each.

Senior guard Joe McShea was also impressive, hustling for five steals and four assists, plus adding six points to the Gull cause.

Wayne Johnson led York's scoring attack with 22 points, including a couple of slam dunks, with Spartan Tom Witmer hitting double figures with 10.

SSC took a 31-21 lead after halftime, behind the outside accuracy of Smith, and the inside play of Dave Pritchett and Jones. Freshman Ron Pritchett scored six points after missing the Gulls last two games.

SSC will travel to Christopher Newport on Tuesday, before returning home in a big match-up at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center on Saturday against conference rival Frostburg State.

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SSC (78)

Dave Pritchett 8 5-6 21. Ron Pritchett 1 4-5 6. Jones 5 1-2 11. Carter 5 1-2 11. Smith 6 2-3 14. Alexander 2 0-0 4. McShea 1 4-4 6. Sheets 1 0-0 2. Klunk 1 1-2 3. Totals: 30 18-24 78

Sea Gulls Invade Tidewater Virginia

Kim Fiedler

Lambert Eyeing 190th Triumph; Women's Quint Ailing

SALISBURY — Both Salisbury State College basketball teams will invade Tidewater Virginia tonight as they travel to meet Christopher Newport College. The women's contest between the Lady Captains and the Gulls begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's game at 8 p.m.

While both teams are anxiously awaiting their respective weekend matchups with Frostburg State College, neither of the Christopher Newport squads are to be taken lightly.

CNC's men's club comes in to tonight's game hot off a 93-82 win over Methodist which boosted their record to 11-9. It was the Captains fourth win in five games.

Junior forward Buck Moore leads the teams in scoring, averaging 16.8 points at game while grabbing 8.5 rebounds. He's complimented by the backcourt combination of Bobby Griffen (13.8) and Jimmy Dean (10.7). Joel Fortune, the Captains 6-5 center, leads them in rebounding with better than nine a game.

In Salisbury's Saturday night victory over York the Gulls were hounding the Sparatan guards defensively, which led to quite a few turnovers in the 78-52 bombing. Coach Ward Lambert's team will be looking to apply that kind of pressure again to a suspect ballhandling Captain squad.

The Gulls, 16-4, have won nine of their last 10 games with the only loss coming to Frostburg, a team they will meet Saturday night at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center at 6 p.m.

Deirdre Kane's SSC women's team is struggling to keep enough people healthy just in order to practice. Sophomore guard Kim Fiedler is sidelined with back and knee injuries and the latest casualty is center Jacque Cowan, who has gone down with foot injury. That, along with the absences of two players due to academic problems, leaves Sara Marvel as the only seasoned starter left from the teams' first lineup.

Salisbury broke out of a three-game skid with a win over Notre Dame College last week.

Christopher Newport comes in with an 11-8 mark after an eight-point win over Methodist. They're led by Pam Stewart, who's averaging 18.4 a game. Rory Peets is one of the nation's top rebounders, pulling in 13.2 a game.

SEA GULL NOTES: The latest NCAA Division III national rankings will be out prior to the game. The Gulls are presently ranked 13th and hope to return to the top 10. Paul Butler (WSBY AM 960) will have those when his pregame show begins at 7:50 tonight. Should the Gulls win tonight, it will mark coach Ward Lambert's 190th career victory ... his 15-year record is 189-193. Freshman standout Ron Pritchett is expected to return to the starting lineup tonight after a brief absence fromt the team. Pritchett came off the bench in Saturday night's game against York.

Streaking Gulls Gain Momentum

Jones Supplies Necessary Firepower For 11th-Ranked SSC

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Salisbury State College coach Ward Lambert called Tuesday night's 77-69 victory over Christopher Newport College, "one of our better efforts on the road."

The sky-high Sea Gulls recorded their 17th win in 21 games this season. It was the fourth straight win for the Gulls and their 10th in 11 tries, who are now ranked 11th in NCAA Division III basketball, up two notches over last week.

Ed Jones supplied the surprise scoring punch for the Gulls, who seem to find a new leader each time out. The 6-4 senior center gave up some height to the bigger Captains, but connected for 16 points to help pace the club. Dave Pritchett led the team with 17 points, while brother Ron Pritchett added 16 more.

Salisbury came out flat against the Captains, who managed a 35-32 halftime lead. The game see-sawed throughout both halves until the Gulls were able to pull away in the last two minutes of the game.

Part of the reason Lambert's troops were on the short end of the first half score was their inability to hit some easy shots. SSC shot only 33 percent from the floor in the first half but better than doubled that mark in the second half, shooting 69 percent.

A hounding press and the individual effort of defensive stalwart Brett Carter forced the Captains into committing 16 turnovers, many of which came as the Gulls were pulling away late in the second half.

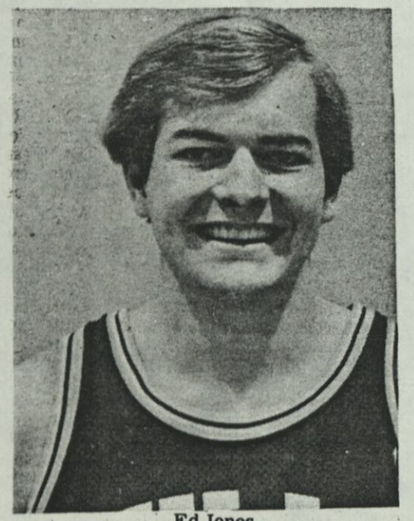
Christopher Newport's Buck Moore tried to take matters into his own hands late in the game, on his was to a game-high 27-point performance. Jimmy Deans and Broderick Roye added 16 apiece for the Captains, who slipped to 11-10 on the year. The victory upped the Gulls' mark to 17-4 as they close in on the best record in the school's history.

Scott Smith, whose availability for the game was in question due to a bout with the flu, added 12 points for the Gulls.

Salisbury hits the road one more time before closing out the season with five games in Salisbury. The Gulls will visit Catholic University Thursday night for a rematch with the Cardinals, a team they defeated 93-85 earlier in the season.

After a trip to the District of Columbia, the Gulls return to Salisbury and the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, where they'll take on Frostburg Saturday night at 6 p.m. Salisbury will be out to avenge their only loss in the last 11 games when they meet the Bobcats, who dealt them a double overtime setback two weeks ago.

Salisbury is 8-0 on the years at Maggs Physical Activity Center, 4-1 on neutral court sites and 5-3 on the road.



Ed Jones

DIV. III POLL

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — The Top 20 teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III basketball poll, with this season's records:

1.	Wittenberg, Ohio	20-1
2.	Potsdam St., N.Y.	19-1
3.	Colby, Maine	16-1
4.	Widener, Pa.	17-4
5.	Trenton St., N.J.	20-2
6.	North Park, Ill.	18-3
7.	Nebraska Wesleyn	15-3
8.	Otterbein, Ohio	17-2
9.	Wis.-Whitewater	14-4
10.	Augsburg, Minn.	15-4
11.	Salisbury St., Md.	16-4
12.	Hope, Mich.	15-3
13.	N. Carolina Wslyn	16-4
14.	Lycoming, Pa.	14-3
15.	Hartwick, N.Y.	12-4
16.	Upsala, N.J.	13-5
17.	Albany, N.Y.	15-3
18.	LeMyo-Owe, Tex.	15-5
19.	Bishop, Tex.	12-5
20.	Centre, Ky.	14-5

COLLEGE

SSC 77, CNC 69

Score by halves:		
Salisbury State	32	45 — 77
Christopher Newport	35	34 — 69

SSC (77)

McShea 1 2-3-4, Smith 6 0-0 12, R. Pritchett 6 4-6 15, Carter 2 4-4 8, Jones 8 0-0 16, Pykaniewic 1 2-2 4, D. Pritchett 6 5-6 17. (Totals: 30 17-21 77)

CNC (69)

Dean 8 0-0 16, Griffin 1 0-0 2, Cobb 1 0-0 2, Morris 11 5-6 27, Bryson 1 4-4 6, Roye 6 4-6 16. (Totals: 28 13-16 (69)

Jones, Baltimore Keys In SSC's Win Over Cardinals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Ed Jones' 12-point spurt midway through the first half brought the Sea Gulls back from a 26-19 first half deficit as Salisbury State College went on to claim a 75-66 victory over Catholic University Thursday night.

Jones, a 6-4 senior out of Edgewater, scored a season-high 20 points as the Gulls clinched their 18th victory of the season in 22 starts. Thursday's trip to Catholic was the teams' last road swing this season. The Gulls return to Salisbury, where they'll finish out the season. Saturday night they'll be at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center for a showdown with Capital Conference foe Frostburg State College.

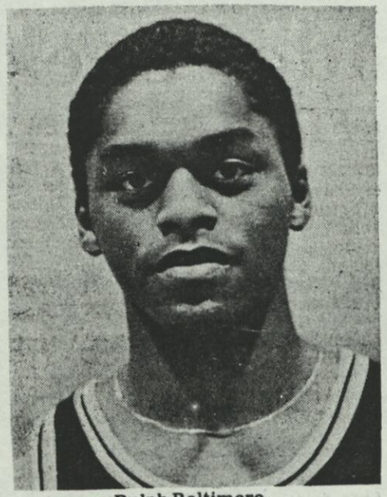
Salisbury started slowly, which has begun to be a trademark over the last several games, trailing 12-2 with five minutes gone. The Cardinals blistered the basket with 67 percent shooting from the floor in the first half, enabling them to control the tempo for much of the way. Rod McCarry netted 20 first half points and finished with 22 to lead all scorers.

Smooth shooting Dave Pritchett helped keep the Gulls in the contest. The 6-2 junior forward out of Sussex Central scored 19 points, while senior teammate Scott Smith tossed in 11.

Thursday's contest marked the return of Ralph Baltimore, who was out of action for a pair games last week. Baltimore came off the bench to score 14 points which sparked the Gulls in he second half.

Both teams made the most of their opportunities from the free throw line. Salisbury hit 17 consecutive free throws before finishing 21-of-26 on the night. Catholic hit on 14-of-18 from the line.

The loss dropped the Cardinals to 9-11 on the year, while the 11th ranked Sea Gulls improved to 18-4. Salisbury has now won 12 of their last 13 games. Their last loss came on the road to Frostburg back on Jan. 22.



Ralph Baltimore

SSC 75, CATHOLIC 66

Salisbury (75)

McShea 0-2-2, Smith 5-1-11, R. Pritchett 0-3-3, D. Pritchett 6-7-19, Baltimore 6-2-14, Carter 3-0-6, Jones 7-6-20. (Totals: 27-21-75)

Catholic (66)

Burns 2-0-4, Lanergan 2-4-8, Cooper 1-0-2, Winkler 8-2-18, McCarry 8-6-22, Mulquin 1-0-2, Larkin 3-2-8. (Totals: 26-14-66)

Sea Gulls Face Big Cage Test

SALISBURY — The Salisbury State basketball team — enjoying its finest season ever — just could be involved in its biggest single basketball game ever tonight when entertaining Frostburg State at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

The contest is part of a triple-header which features the Gulls in the spotlight at 6 p.m., followed at around 8 by Maryland Eastern Shore facing South Carolina State. The UMES women will play a 4 p.m. game.

The 18-4 Sea Gulls, and ranked No. 11 in the NCAA Division III poll, need a victory over Frostburg to entertain thoughts of any post-season play. An SSC win would put SSC in the conference driver's seat and may open an NCAA bid.

Just over two weeks ago the Bobcats defeated SSC 79-77 at Frostburg in double overtime. The loss snapped an SSC 10-game Capital Conference winning streak. Guard Scott Smith led that one with 20 points and center Ed Jones pulled down nine rebounds. But Jones has picked up his offense in recent games and has added to SSC's point production, upping his game average to just over 10.

Frostburg shot a phenomenal 64 percent from the field, hitting over SSC zone defense. It's unlikely, however that can be duplicated in the confines of the civic center here.

SSC has been getting off to very poor starts of late. The Gulls started slowly against the Bobcats, but rallied. The difference in Salisbury's comebacks have been its excellent full court zone press, which has forced numerous turnovers and easy transition baskets.

The Gulls have won 13 straight since last year, including an early date at the civic center against UMES in December.

Smith leads the team in scoring just under 15, while Dave Pritchett shows a 12.2 average. Brother Ron Pritchett, a freshman, is listed at 14.1 per game with Ralph Baltimore just over 10 points.

Coach Ward Lambert is trying to temper his enthusiasm these days. While the team has played brilliantly this season, the club hasn't been without problems. Ron Pritchett missed a pair of games for "personal" reasons as did Baltimore. However, Lambert has managed to keep the squad playing well together. Baltimore has been a pleasant playing surprise in recent weeks.

The SSC-Frostburg rivalry has become one of the best in the state. Tonight's matchup has all the earmarks of another heart-stopper.

South Carolina State will be coming north for a very important engagement also. The Bulldogs are currently ranked second behind North Carolina A&T in the Mie-Eastern Athletic Conference standings. The conference winner will automatically get a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Last week S.C. State defeated UMES rather handily, but if UMES' high scoring guard Donnell Boney gets a hot hand anything could happen. S.C. State can't afford a conference loss at this juncture.

The UMES women will also play S.C. State in the 4 p.m. encounter.

SSC Routs Frostburg

83-66

Ties School Record With 19th Victory

By JERRY THOMAS
Special To The Times

SALISBURY — The streaking Salisbury State College men's basketball team avenged an early season loss to Frostburg State College Saturday night by easily defeating the Bobcats 83-66.

The Gulls win brings their record to 19-4 on the season, and 4-1 in the Capital Confrence. It was the Gulls sixth straight win, and 13 out of 14, with the only loss in that span being to the Bobcats. The 19 Gull wins ties a Salisbury State men's record for most wins in a season. Salisbury has also won 14 straight home games, dating back to February 1984.

Salisbury jumped out to an early 13-7 lead against the Bobcats. Getting six of those early Salisbury points was senior gaurd Joe McShea, whose outside jumpshot brought the Bobcats out of their zone defense.

Once the Bobcats came out of their zone the Gulls took advantage of their slower rivals and opened up a 10-point bulge at 26-16 after an Ed Jones three-point play.

It was at this point that Frostburg's offense started to click. With Bob Coll getting the hot hand, the Bobcats were able to cut into the Gull lead. The Bobcats were able to cut the margin to four points before Scott Smith's jumper at the buzzer gave the Gulls a 37-31 lead at intermission.

WHEN THE second half began it looked as though neither team was ready to assert themselves, turning the ball over and managing only two points per team in the first five minutes.

The Gulls' Dave Pritchett then sank a basket and seconds later scored again after a steal to open up a 10-point margin, 49-39, that would never be penetrated.

From that point on Salisbury was dominant in every phase of the game. The Gulls defense held Frostburg's leading scorer, Eddie Rutledge (25 ppg avg.), to a mere six points, and out rebounded their opponents 45-29.

Ed Jones led the way for the Gulls, scoring 20 points and racking up 11 rebounds. It was the second consecutive performance in which Jones has scored 20 points. Ron Pritchett and Smith added 14 points apiece, and Brett Carter pulled in nine rebounds.

Frostburg State drops to 8-13 on the year, 3-2 in Capital Confrence play. The Bobcats were led by Coll's 14 points and Toby Henson contributed 13 points.

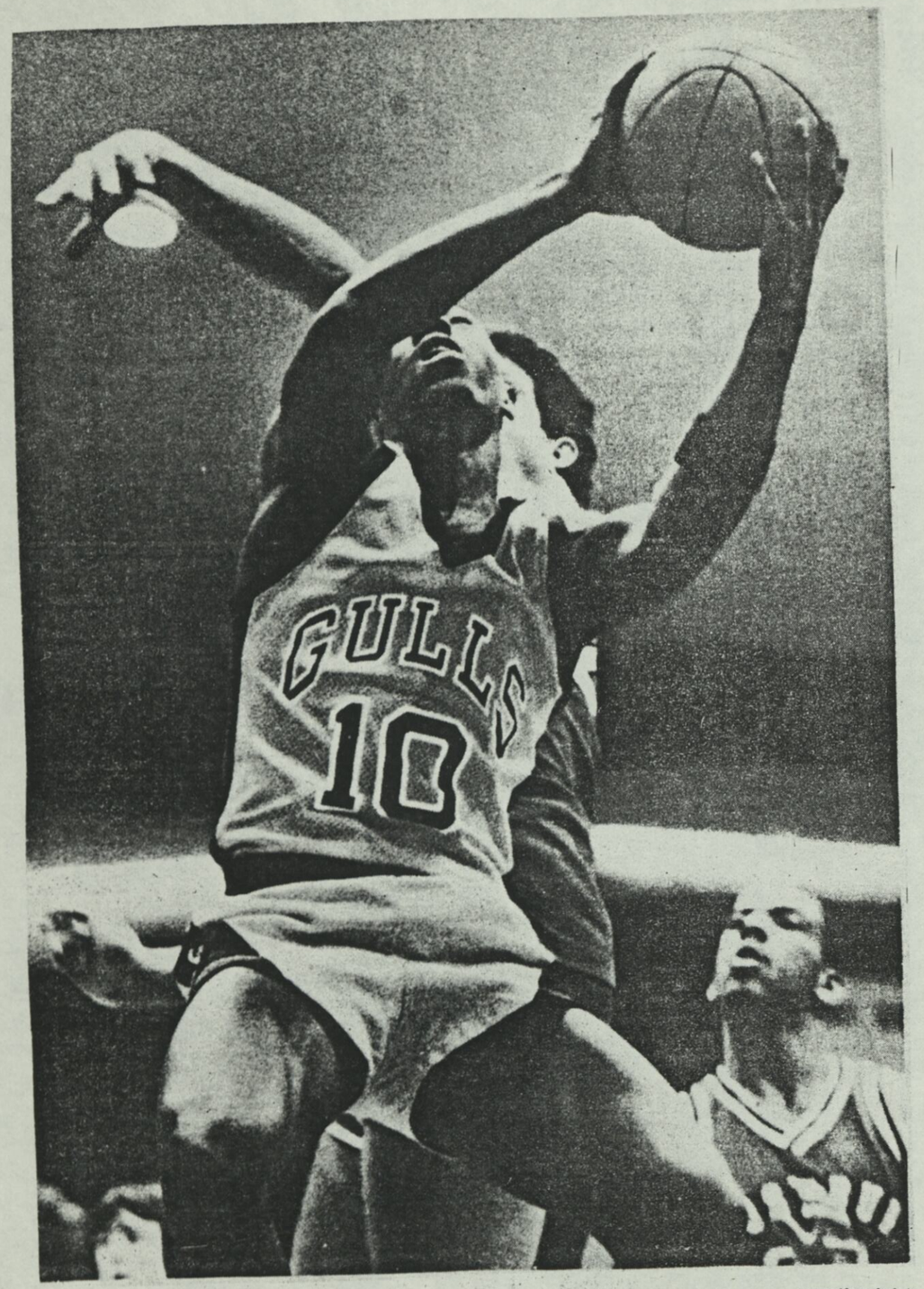
Score by havlos:		
Frostburg	31	35 — 66
Salisbury	37	46 — 83

FROSTBURG (66)

Henson 5 2-2 12, Carroll 6 1-2 13, Coll 6 2-6 14, Rutledge 3 0-0 6, Hampton 4 0-0 8, Bernard 0 2-2 2, Flood 1 4-6 6, Bailey 1 3-5 5. (Totals: 26 14-23 66)

SALISBURY (83)

McShea 3 2-3 8, Hebron 1 0-0 2, Smith 6 2-2 14, Sheets 1 1-2 3, Baltimore 4 1-2 9, R. Pritchett 7 0-1 14, Alexander 0 1-5 1, D. Pritchett 4 0-0 8, Carter 1 0-1 2, Jones 7 6-7 20, Wainwright 0 2-3 2. (Totals: 34 15-26 83)



Larry Alpaugh photo

Kyra Hebron of SSC pulls down a first half rebound during SSC's 83-66 victory over Frostburg State.

SSC Success Not All Roses

Lambert's Sea Gulls Prove Right Chemistry Produces A Winner

By BOB THOMAS
Times Sports Staff

SALISBURY — What makes Salisbury State College's eighth-ranked basketball team the best in the school's history?

"It's not ability," said Sea Gull coach Ward Lambert.

That may seem like rather harsh talk for a coach whose team has compiled a 19-4 overall record and could well earn the home court advantage when the regional playoffs begin on March 1, but in essence it's not.

There have been other SSC teams with more talent, but there has never been one with quite the chemistry as the 1984-85 version.

Depth and individual sacrifice are the two areas that Lambert points to when explaining the success of his team. "They play well together and accept their roles," said Lambert.

Chemistry — that's what has held the Gulls together on the court this season. But it hasn't been easy. On two occasions, Lambert has had key players take a leave of absence for personal reasons, something that could have easily disrupted the flow.

Freshman Ron Pritchett, who up until his absence, was the team's leading scorer. Pritchett walked away from the team for personal matters, right after the Gulls had dropped a double-overtime game to Frostburg.

"I think the team was really hurt (upset) when (Ron) left and they all went up and asked him to come back," explained Lambert. "They knew we could be a better team with Ron than without him."

Just one day after Pritchett's return, reserve forward Ralph Baltimore disappeared, that absence coming after a team-high 18 points in a winning effort against Roanoke.

"The team thought (Ralph) should be disciplined. They wanted him back but he had to toe the line," said Lambert.

Despite the conflicts, the Gulls have continued to strive for the NCAA playoffs and with Lambert and his players cleaning up the in-house problems, the Gulls will more than likely achieve that goal.

"I think the team morale is good," said Lambert. "We think we have something good going and we don't want someone to screw that up.

"I kind of like to be the team spokesman. I think everyone should be given an chance but you have to do it on our terms, " he continued. "I think something should be done, but you don't close the door on them."

With players like point guard Joe McShea helping bridge the gap between coach and player, that open door policy appears to be paying dividends.

What's really paying off though is the SSC bench. Inside, Lambert can come in with the likes of 6-6 Baltimore (9.9 ppg), or 6-4 Ron Pritchett (13.6 ppg) along with 6-4 Reggie Alexander, 6-5 Ron Wainwright and 6-8 Dave Pakulniewicz. Good size for any Division III program. In the back court he can punch Kyra Hebron or Rick Sheets at either guard spot, or mix and match his front and back court starters and reserves.

At the heart of most championship caliber teams you'll find an outstanding center and point guard, neither of which the Gulls have.

Ed Jones has played the post position as well as any 6-4 player can and he's holding more than his own, boasting a pair of 20-point outings in the last two games while leading the team in rebounds.

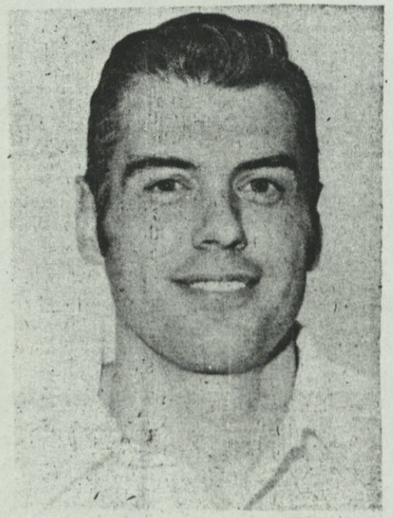
McShea has taken over the point guard responsibilities and is neither flashy nor offensively oriented. The senior guard supplies the club with just the steady influence Lambert likes them to have on the court.

What the Gulls do have is a good supporting cast around those role players. Senior wing guard Scott Smith leads the team in scoring (14.6 ppg). Brett Carter supplies the hard-nosed defense against the opponents top scoring guard. Junior forward Dave Pritchett is the team's best inside defender, while picking up 12.6 ppg offensively.

Experience may be the most important piece to this puzzle. Four of five starters are fifth-year seniors and three of those transferred in. The fifth starter is a fourth-year junior.

With only two regular season games remaining and two Capital Classic Tournament contests, the Gulls have a shot at a 23-win campaign before heading into the playoffs. Salisbury will host Stockton State College Saturday afternoon and Mary Washington Wednesday night.

If the Gulls defeat Mary Washington they will host the Capital Conference Tournament, which should serve as a tuneup for the NCAA South Atlantic playoffs which would begin the following week.



Ward Lambert

SSC Cagers Going Places

SALISBURY — Ed Jones played like a man possessed; Scott Smith was his typical methodical self; guard Brett Carter played like a middle linebacker; the Pritchett brothers were awesome inside as was Ralph Baltimore.

And there were a host of others who contributed to Saturday night's Salisbury State College blowout of rival Frostburg State in a triple-header extravaganza staged at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

Joe McShea, Kyra Hebron, Ron Wainwright, Rick Sheets and Reggie Alexander were superb in supporting roles as coach Ward Lambert's charges avenged an earlier loss to the Bobcats in a most convincing manner, 83-66 before a fine crowd at the civic center.

Maryland-Eastern Shore, while outmanned and outmuscled, staged a steller performance against South Carolina State in the finale, before bowing by a scant five-point margin.

Lambert, in his 15th season at the Sea Gulls' helm, substituted brilliantly as the Gulls wore down Frostburg with a second half barrage. SSC held a six-point halftime lead.

Jones and Carter were brilliant. Jones, a 6-4 senior out of Edgewater, Md., dominated the inside, while Carter, Lambert's "designated defender"

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By RICK CULLEN
Times Sports Editor

finished with nine rebounds from his guard position. Carter, at 6-1, is a converted forward, whose contribution was invaluable. When he wasn't positioning himself for a rebound, he was spending much of his time sprawling across the civic center floor after strays. Jones finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds. It was Jones' second straight 20-point effort, a late-season bonus.

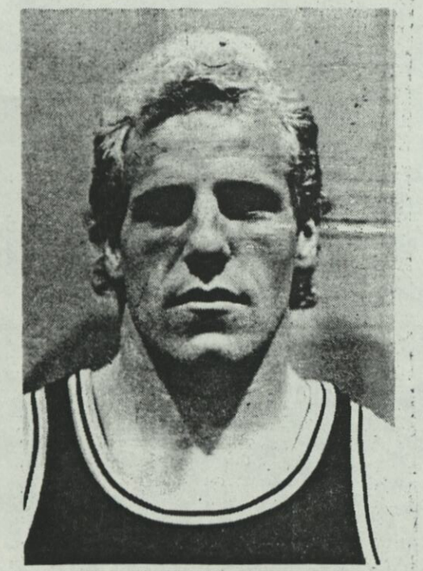
Smith, also a senior — out of Wicomico Senior High — is the Gulls' stablizing influence and perhaps the team's best shot-maker. An adept free throw shooter (last year was ranked second in Division III), Smith has the touch of a diamond cutter and the grit to match. He wound up with an unselfish 14 points.

Brothers Pritchett, junior Dave and freshman Ron, were overwhelming on the offensive boards. The Bobcats couldn't touch them.

It was hard to imagine that SSC had dropped an overtime decision to Frostburg on Jan. 22 in western Maryland. The Gulls' domination of Round II was a sight to behold.

The win was SSC's 19th, tying a school record from last year.

Keep an eye on these young men — they're going places before this season's over.



Brett Carter

Salisbury Overcomes Stockton

Eighth-Ranked Gulls Look For 20th Victory Today

SALISBURY — Ward Lambert's eighth-ranked Salisbury State College basketball team is looking for its 20th victory of the season this afternoon when they host Stockton State College at 3:30 p.m. in the Maggs Physical Activity Center.

SSC is hoping to move into the top spot in the South Atlantic Region and earn a home court berth in the coming NCAA Division III playoffs. A victory over Stockton would give the school its first 20-victory season ever. The Gulls have already defeated Stockton once this season, back in January.

Ron Pritchett's Buzzer-Beater Stuns Ospreys

By JERRY THOMAS
Special To The Times

SALISBURY — The eighth-ranked Salisbury State men's basketball team overcame a nine-point deficit in the final minutes of regulation to pull out a sqeaker in overtime against Stockton State 88-82 here Saturday evening.

The victory virtually assures the Gulls of an NCAA Division III playoff berth, the first in the schools history. The Gulls are now 20-4 on the season, which establishes a new school record for victories in one season and improves their home record to a perfect 10-0 on the year. The win also enabled coach Ward Lambert to improve his 15-year career winning percentage at Salisbury to 50- percent (193-193)

Salisbury's victory would not have been possible without the outstanding team defense and poise the Gulls showed in the final minutes. Down 69-60 with 3:15 remaining, the Gulls turned to their full court pressure and the hot shooting hands of Ron and Dave Pritchett. In the ensuing three minutes the Gulls scored 18 points with Dave Pritchett tossing in eight. But it was Ron Pritchett, the freshman, who hit a 45-foot shot as the buzzer sounded that enabled the Gulls to tie the score 78-78 and go to overtime.

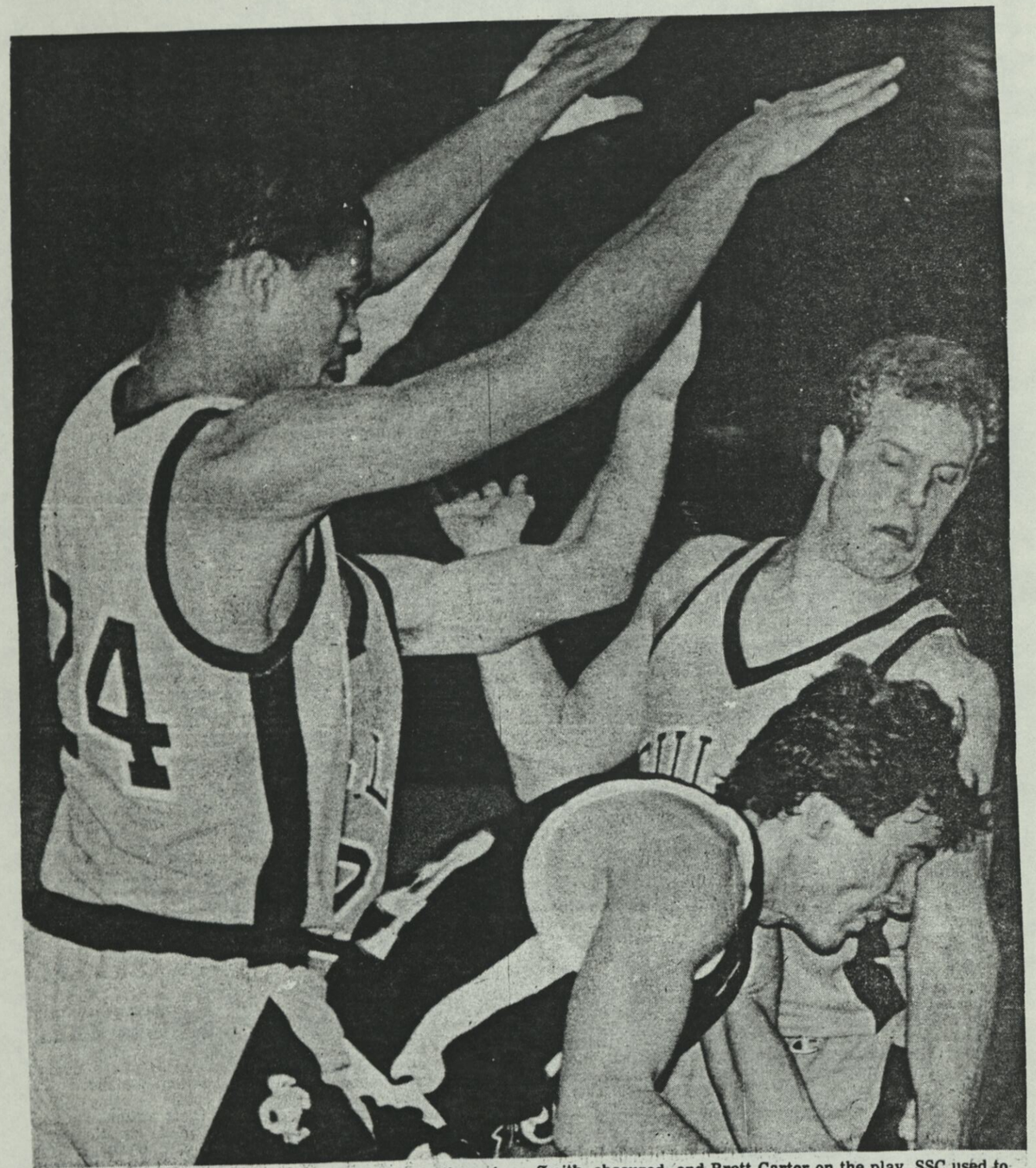
The overtime period belonged to the Gulls as the outscored the frustrated Ospreys 10-4. Stockton's frustration showed as coach Ken Leary was issued his third technical foul of the contest and was ejected with :20 seconds remaining.

First half action saw the Gulls build a nine point lead before the Ospreys Jay Phillips hit a half court shot at the buzzer, cutting the Salisbury lead to 36-29 at the intermission. Scott Smith had the hot hand for the Gulls in the first half, tossing in 16 points and Dave Pakulniewicz added six points coming off the bench.

Stockton had led by as many as seven points early in the game, but a pair of Leary technical fouls allowed the Gulls to regain the lead as they completed a six-point play behind the free throw shooting of Pakulniewicz and Smith.

On the evening Salisbury was led by Smith's game high 27 points. Ron Pritchett's 21 points, 17 in the second half, marked his best performance since returning to the team after a short absence. The Gulls also outrebounded the Ospreys 40-29. Ed Jones pulled in a game-high 11 boards to lead the Gulls.

Stockton State's record falls to 13-11 on the season. The Ospreys were led by Donald Ellison's 27 points and Jay Phillips added 22 points and six rebounds.



HEMMED IN. Stockton State's Roy Heck finds the going tough late in regulation as he's trapped in a Salisbury State full court press. Ron Pritchett, left, teams up with Scott Smith, obscured, and Brett Carter on the play. SSC used to press to negate a Stockton lead and win in overtime. (Times Photo by Bob Thomas)

No. 10 Sea Gulls win a wild one

By TY NORRIS
Staff reporter

SALISBURY, Md. — Freshman forward DeRoin Pritchett scored six points in overtime and teammate Scott Smith made 3 of 4 free throws to pace Salisbury State College, the 10th-ranked team in Division III, to an 88-82 victory over Stockton State (N.J.) in a men's basketball game Saturday afternoon at the Maggs Athletic Center.

"We didn't play very well until the end," said Salisbury Coach Ward Lambert, who, in his 15th year at Salisbury, brought his win-loss record to 193-193, the first time he has reached the .500 mark.

"Our guys really came on at the end and played some great ball," said Lambert, whose team is 20-4. "We showed a lot of character and a lot of heart and I am very pleased with the way this game turned out."

Actually, the overtime period was anticlimatic to the final minutes of regulation. Pritchett sent the game into overtime when he hit a desperation 45-foot shot from half court with one second remaining in regulation to tie the game 78-78.

Pritchett's shot followed a bizzare series of events.

Stockton State (13-11) held a 73-68 advantage with a minute, two seconds left in regulation. With a minute left, Stockton's Jay Phillips had an easy break-away layup, but instead decided to try to dunk the ball. Phillips' attempt at a dunk hit the rim and bounced high in the air. Salisbury's center Ed Jones came down with the rebound and tossed the ball ahead to Smith, who sank a 20-foot jumper to bring the Sea Gulls to within three points (73-70) with 50 seconds remaining.

Stockton's Donald Ellison took the ball out of bounds and threw the ball directly to Scott, who dished the ball inside to Dave Pritchett, who hit a five-footer to make the score 73-72 with 38 seconds left.

The Sea Gulls were caught sleeping while trying a full-court press after Pritchett's basket and gave up an easy layup to Stockton's James Sheard with 30 seconds left.

Ron Pritchett hit a 15-foot jumper for Salisbury and Stockton's David Smith retaliated with two free throws to make the score to 77-76 with eight seconds remaining.

Then came the key sequence of the game. Smith fouled Stockton's Sheard with three seconds left in the game, which gave the Ospreys a two-shot attempt from the line. Ellison missed the first free throw but sank the second to make the score 78-76.

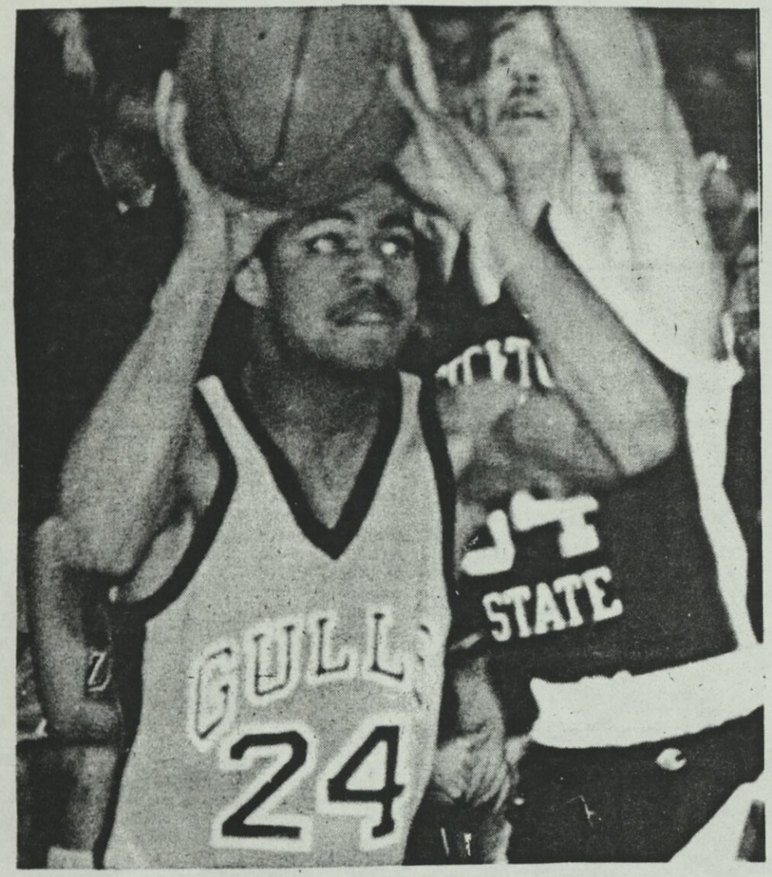
Then Pritchett hit the long-shot long shot to send the game into OT.

"I was really shocked," said Pritchett, who finished the game with 22 points.

"It was just amazing," said Smith, the Sea Gulls' co-captain, who led the team in scoring with 27 points, 16 in the first half.

"Well, it started with my missed dunk," said Stockton's Phillips, which finished the game with 22 points, 16 in the second half.

"A lot of things happened. We committed too many turnovers and we just had too many things go wrong at the end. It was one of the wildest things I have ever seen."



Rookie Of Week

For the second time in his freshman year at Salisbury State, Ron Pritchett has been singled out out by the Eastern College Athletic Association for his play on the basketball court. The 6-4 freshman from Sussex Central High, was named the ECAC's Rookie-of-the-Week for his performance Saturday against Stockton State College in the Sea Gulls 88-82 overtime win. Pritchett's halfcourt bank shot at the buzzer sent the game into overtime and then Pritchett scored the first two baskets of the overtime.

Salisbury hoping for more milestones

By TY NORRIS
Staff reporter

SALISBURY, Md. — Salisbury State College's 88-82 overtime men's basketball victory over Stockton State (N.J.) last Saturday afternoon at the Magg's Athletic Center did more than just put another game in the win column for the Sea Gulls.

The victory also produced several milestones for Salisbury State, which is ranked eighth in the NCAA Division III poll and No. 1 in the South Atlantic Region.

The triumph raised the Sea Gulls' mark to 20-4, a Salisbury State record for victories in a season. The Sea Gulls can improve on that record Wednesday night at 7:30 when they host Mary Washington in their regular-season finale.

The showdown with Mary Washington will determine where the Capital Conference playoff tournament will be played. If Salisbury State wins, the Sea Gulls will host the inaugural conference tourament. If Mary Washington wins, it will host the tournament.

Salisbury State is 3-1 in the conference, while Mary Washington is 3-2. The Sea Gulls defeated Mary Washington 69-64 earlier in the season. Salisbury State's only conference loss has come at the hands of much weaker Frotsburg State 79-77 in two overtimes.

Saturday's dramatic come-from-behind victory kept the Sea Gulls undefeated at home this season, raising their record to 10-0, a record for most home victories in a season.

The Sea Gulls were behind by five points with a minute remaining in Saturday's game with Stockton. Freshman Ron Pritchett, a former All-Stater at Sussex Central High, hit a 45-foot jumper from mid-court with no time left to send the game into overtime. His brother, Dave, a junior, hit a 15-foot jumper with eight seconds left in regulation to bring Salisbury State to within 77-76.

Stockton State's Jay Phillips missed a wide-open slam dunk attempt with a minute to go in regulation that would have put the Ospreys up by seven. However, the missed dunk turned the momentum in Salisbury State's favor as they went on to win.

"That's just how this team has been all year," said senior co-captain Scott Smith. "I don't know how Ron made that shot, but I guess we are just destined to keep winning. Someone up there must really like us.

"I felt like we were really motivated for this game and we're really getting things together as a team now."

Besides being a record 20th victory, the triumph also gave 15-year Coach Ward Lambert a .500 lifetime winning percentage, the first time he has ever reached that milestone.

Lambert, who is currently 193-193, is a graduate of Mount Pleasant High and played basketball for Jack Ramsay, who coached Mount Pleasant at the time. Ramsay is currently the head coach of the NBA's Portland Trailblazers.

"One thing about this team is that they hold their composure," said Lambert after Salisbury State's victory over Stockton. "They never give up and we just keep coming at you.

"We have to start getting a little more consistent. We have played well every game this year at the end of the ball game, we just have to play good ball the entire 40 minutes and we will be a better ball club."

The newly developed Capital Conference was developed this season merely for playoff purposes. For most seasons, Salisbury State has been an independent, making it hard — if not impossible — to reach the Division III playloffs. The conference consists of four teams — Salisbury State, Mary Washington, Frotsburg State and St. Mary's College.

"We are No. 2 in our region, but the No. 1 team [Trenton State] lost their last two games and we should move up to No. 1," said Lambert. "If we win our game with Mary Washington we will host the Capital Conference tournament, and if we win our next three games, we will play at home through the Division III playoffs.

"There are only four teams in the Capital Conference this year, but there is a lot of interest in the conference for next year. I think next season we may have as many as 10 teams in the conference, and maybe we can get a little recognition and the conference champion will earn an automatic bid to the playoffs. That would be really nice."

No. 6 SSC Earns Playoff Bid

Sea Gulls Back In Action Against MWC Tonight

By BOB THOMAS
Times Sports Staff

SALISBURY — Things are happening so quickly for the Salisbury State men's basketball team that even the most avid of Sea Gull followers are having trouble keeping up.

Tuesday afternoon the Salisbury coach Ward Lambert received word that the Gulls (20-4) had earned an early bid into the NCAA Division III basketball playoffs. Lambert also found out that the Gulls moved into the sixth spot in the national rankings and took over as the top-rated team in the South Atlantic Region.

Describing his team as "tough and nitty-gritty", Lambert was relieved that the Gulls had earned an early bid to the playoffs. Last season SSC compiled a 19-7 worksheet but were left out when playoff considerations were turned into invitations. By not playing in a recognized conference where the winner receives an automatic bid into the playoffs, the Gulls knew they had to impress the NCAA selection committee in order to be selected.

"It's nice to be recognized," said Lambert, who has not had a team as successful as this one in 15 campaigns at the school. "I think it takes the pressure off," he added. "We knew if we lost we would jeopardize our chances of making it to the playoffs. Now we don't have to worry about playing not to lose."

Salisbury concludes the regular portion of its regular season tonight when they entertain Mary Washington College in a game that should decide the home court advantage for this weekend's Capital Classic Conference tournament. Salsibury comes into the 7:30 meeting with the Blue Tide with a 14-game winning streak at Maggs Physical Activity Center on the line.

SSC's string of victories on their home floor has accumulated over a two-season span. This year the Gulls have won 10 straight at home.

"I think everyone plays better at home," said Lambert, who might well get an extended home stand if the NCAA selection committee agrees to let the Sea Gulls host the South Atlantic Regional Tournament.

Ig the Gulls do get the nod to host the regional playoffs, which! will be handed down Sunday, they may also house the NCAA Division III quarterfinals at Maggs as well.

One of six early bids granted, Salisbury joins top-ranked Nebraska Wesleyan, Centre College of Lexington, Ky., Central of Iowa, Washington & Jefferson of Pa. and Worcester (Mass.) Poly.

SSC has had some anxious moments about its playoff hopes in the past few weeks, the most recent coming Saturday afternoon, when forced into overtime period before downing Stockton State College.

That game was important to the Sea Gulls as Trenton State, previously the top rated team in the South Atlantic region, dropped a pair of games last week.

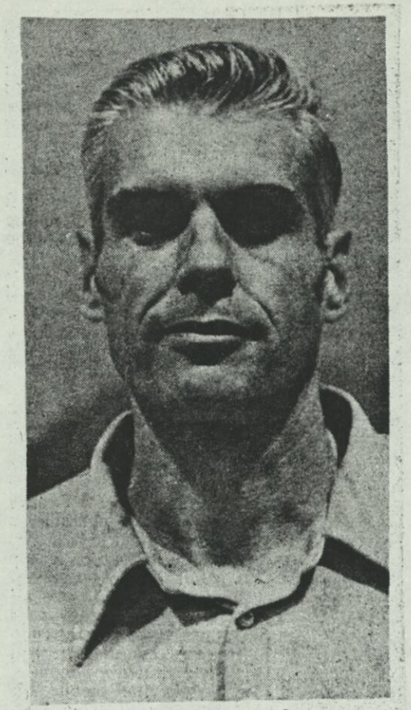
Should the Gulls be able to win their eighth straight game against the Blue Tide, they will host the conference tournament beginning Saturday.

Lambert feels as if the Gulls are just rounding into shape in time for the NCAA tournament.

"We're getting better on defense, but we're not quite there yet," warned Lambert, whose team has been forced to come from behind in the second half on many occasions in the last month.

"We're playing much better under pressure — we don't panic."

With the early playoff bid behind them, Salisbury can now concentrate on the things at hand, which begin with tonight's contest against a Mary Washington team that gave them fits on the road just a few weeks ago.



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Salisbury State in NCAA tourney

SALISBURY, Md. — Salisbury State's men's basketball team was awarded one of six early invitations to the NCAA Division III tournament Tuesday.

After moving from eighth to sixth in the Division III poll, Salisbury was named to the tournament for the first time in the school's history. A total of 32 teams will be in the field with 18 spots decided by conference tournaments.

The tournament will begin March 1-2 with eight regionals. The regional winners advance to the quarterfinals, starting March 9. The national semifinals will be held March 15 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., with the finals set for March 16.

Salisbury is 20-4 on the year.

NCAA picks Salisbury St. for tourney

By ERIC MAGILL
Staff Writer

SALISBURY, Md. — Ward Lambert has taken a Salisbury State team to post-season play once before during his 15 years as the school's men's basketball coach.

But this year, for the first time, Lambert and the Sea Gulls have been invited to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Lambert learned Tuesday afternoon that the 20-4 and sixth-ranked Gulls are one of six teams to receive early bids to the 32-team Division III tournament, which begins March 1 and concludes with the Final Four March 15-16 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The SSC club includes former Sussex Central High School stars Deroin and Dave Pritchett.

Deroin, a freshman, was named Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Rookie of the Week for the second time this season after scoring 21 points, including a 45-foot shot at the end of regulation, in the Gulls' 88-82 overtime win over Stockton State last Saturday.

During the 1974-75 season, Salisbury qualified for regional playoff competition in the NAIA. The Gulls lost in the first round to Millersville, which went on to beat Delaware State in the regional finals and qualify for the national tourney.

In 1977, however, SSC moved into the NCAA at the Division III level, and after many years of waiting, the Gulls find themselves in the national playoffs.

"The team deserves this the way it has played," said Lambert. "I guess it's even more of a thrill for me because I've been looking for it a long time. It's nice to be recognized, and I think we'll do well."

Also receiving early bids are top-ranked Nebraska Wesleyan, Worcester (Mass.) Polytech Institute, Centre (Tenn.), Central (Ohio), and Washington & Jefferson (Pa.).

The remaining playoff slots will be filled Sunday. First round playoff sites will also be determined then.

The Gulls conclude their regular season by hosting Mary Washington tonight. A win would allow them to host the second annual Capital Conference tournament.

Salisbury State clinches Capital Conference title

SALISBURY, Md. — Scott Smith's 24 points paced Salisbury State to a 91-69 victory over Mary Washington in a men's college basketball game Wednesday night.

The victory clinched first place in the Capital Conference for the Sea Gulls, who finished 5-1 in the conference and 21-4 overall. Leading 36-32 at the half, No. 6-ranked Salisbury hit 22 of 26 shots from the floor in the second half to pull away.

Ron Pritchett had 17 points while Ed Jones added 15 for Salisbury.

Buddy Hawley had 19 points for Mary Washington, which finished 3-3, 9-16.

SSC Aims For Second CIAC Title

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College, currently ranked No. 6 in the nation and a likely host for an NCAA Division III Regional Tournament next month, will begin its defense of the Capital Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball championship here tonight.

The Ward Lambert-coached Sea Gulls, winners of the regular season CIAC title with a 5-1 record, bring a school record 21-4 ledger into tonight's 9 p.m. semifinal against St. Mary's College (0-6 and 3-20).

In the other semifinal at 7 p.m., Frostburg State (4-2 and 9-15) will face Mary Washington (3-3 and 9-16).

During the regular season, Salisbury State defeated the Seahawks 66-48 and 91-45. Frostburg and Mary Washington split their regular season series.

Mary Washington enters tonight's semifinal attempting to avenge an 85-84 double overtime loss to Frostburg on Feb. 16. In their first meeting Mary Washington defeated the Bobcats 81-79.

Frostburg has provided the Gulls their only loss conference loss in the last 15 games — an 85-84 double overtime decision.

Salisbury State clinched the CIAC regular season championship Wednesday night with a 91-69 rout of Mary Washington in the regular season finale for both schools.

Tonight's winner will advance to Saturday's 7:30 p.m. championship game in the Maggs Center.

SSC, boasting a 15-game winning streak on its home court, captured the first CIAC championship a year ago by beating MWC 75-70.

Center Ed Jones of SSC was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Jones, a 6-4 senior from Edgewater, Md., was also named to the 1984-85 All-Conference team today along with teammate Scott Smith, the Gulls' 6-foot shooting guard.

Jones, a two-time all-conference selection, has been the mainstay inside for the Gulls for the past two seasons. Averaging 11 points and seven rebounds a game, he has shot 50 percent from the floor this season.

Smith, a local product out of Wicomico Senior High School, is the Gulls' other repeat selection. He has started all four years, scoring 1,300 points with over 500 assists in his career.

Smith is averaging 15.1 point per game and led the team with 95 assists this season. He shot 58.4 percent from the floor and 85.4 percent at the free throw line.

Joining the pair of Sea Gulls are Frostburg's junior guard Eddie Rutledge and freshman guard Charlie Carroll, and senior forward Tony Farris from Mary Washington.

NOTES: The NCAA Regional Tournament Committee will decide Sunday night whether or not to allow Salisbury State to host a regional tournament. William Paterson of Wayne, N.J., is the other likely tournament host ... Tickets for the CIAC tournament are $3 for adults and $2 for students and go on sale one hour prior to game-time both nights ... The CIAC All-Conference team was to be honored today at 3:30 at a press luncheon in the Ruth Powell Dining Hall.

Salisbury Cage Teams Entertain St. Mary's Today

SALISBURY — The snow that arrived in Salisbury Wednesday caused several problems, forcing postponement of several events, including the Salisbury State College - Mary Washington men's basketball game at the Maggs Center. Sea Gull coach Ward Lambert, who was forced to postpone the game due to snow, did so with his heart not quite at ease.

"We've got to play these games and win them," said Lambert of the Sea Gull schedule that has SSC playing all three Capital Conference opponents over the next week, including today contest with St. Mary's at 4 in Maggs.

"This is the most important part of our schedule," said Lambert, whose Sea Gull squad is currently ranked 11th in the nation (Division III) by the NCAA. "We've got to play these games and win them if we want to host the conference tournament in February."

Salisbury State, who won both the Capital Conference regular season and tournament championships last year, would like to get home court advantage again this season. The Gulls beat Mary Washington last year at the Maggs Center to capture the conference's first ever tournament.

"Winning a conference championship means a lot and will certainly not hurt us when the NCAA committee gives out its post-season spots." The NCAA Division III tournament has 32 places, 18 of which are already filled with automatic qualifiers due to conference championships. The Capital Conference, however, is not one of the 18 conferences whose champion team receives an automatic bid, so Lambert and the Sea Gulls will be fighting for the other 14 spaces as though they were an independent.

"Being at the top of our region is a big thing," says Lambert, whose Sea Gull sits atop the Division III South Atlantic region. "A conference championship will also help, but right now we're only half way through the season, so that means we've got a lot more games to play. Anything can happen."

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The Salisbury State women's team will wrap up its January homestand with a game against St. Mary's at 2 today in the Maggs Center. Coach Deidre Kane's women's team now has a 9-4 record following Tuesday's 68-64 win over Virginia Weslayen.

Chances are good that the Gull's will up their record if history repeats itself: Salisbury State has beaten St. Mary's in all 25 previous varsity meetings, dating back to 1953.

The Gulls will not be taking the Saints lightly, after barely escaping with a win against Virginia Wesleyan, the same team they beat by 40 points earlier this season. Junior Sara Marvel and sophomore Kim Fiedler lead the Sea Gull attack, both averaging close to 16 points a game. Fiedler and Marvel are currently ranked sixth and seventh on the all-time SSC scoring list.

SEA GULL NOTES: Saturday's game will be broadcast over WSBY AM 960 beginning with the pre-game show with Paul Butler and Tim Sponaugle at 3:50 ... The make-up date for the SSC-Mary Washington clash has been set for February 20 at 7:30 pm ... this is the final home game for the Sea Gulls during its five-game homestand ... SSC has won all three contests during its current homestand going into today's game.

SSC Explodes In Rout; Faces MWC Tonight

By JERRY THOMAS
Special To The Times

SALISBURY — Defending champion Salisbury State College's men's basketball team opened the first round of the second annual Capital Conference tournament with an easy victory over the Seahawks from St. Mary's College.

The Gulls were impressive from start to finish as they out played the Seahawks in every aspect of the game and won by the lopsided margin of 120-74.

It was the second highest point total by a Salisbury team since the Sea Gulls scored 125 in a road game some years back.

The Sea Gulls opened up their potent offensive attack in the first half by jumping out to an early 10 point lead 29-19. Salisbury used the inside strengths of senior center Ed Jones and junior forward Dave Pritchett.

Jones, who is 11 points shy of his 1,000th career point at Salisbury, led Salisbury with a team-high 17 points and dominated the boards with a game-leading 12 rebounds.

Ron Pritchett, the younger brother of Dave, was the team's second leading scorer with 14 points. Dave Pritchett finished with 10 points, including eight of those in the first half as Salisbury took a 50-31 halftime advantage.

Senior Scott Smith set a tournament record for assists with nine, breaking the old mark of eight set last year by former St. Mary's player Terrance Hawkins.

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SSC Bows In Capital Conference Shootout

By GEORGE MCKIERNAN
Special To The Times

SALISBURY — Tim Jones netted six points in the second overtime period to lead the Blue Tide of Mary Washington College to a 78-73 upset victory over host Salisbury State College to win the championship of the Capital Intercollegiate Athletic Conference here Saturday night at the Maggs Physical Activities Center.

Salisbury State, the defending conference champions, had beaten MWC twice in the regular season but could not hold back the Tide in the rematch of last year's finale.

The Sea Gulls trailed 61-59 going into the last two minutes of regulation play when Kyra Hebron scored on a short jumper at the 1:08 mark. SSC regained possession before time ran out but a last second shot rolled off the rim to send the contest into overtime.

The teams traded baskets evenly in the extra period but neither one could score in the last two minutes and were tied 67-67 as the second overtime period began.

Tim Jones tallied the first four points for the Tide in the second extra period before Ron Pritchett made good on two tries from the free throw line for the Gulls, who trailed 71-69 with just over two minutes left in the period.

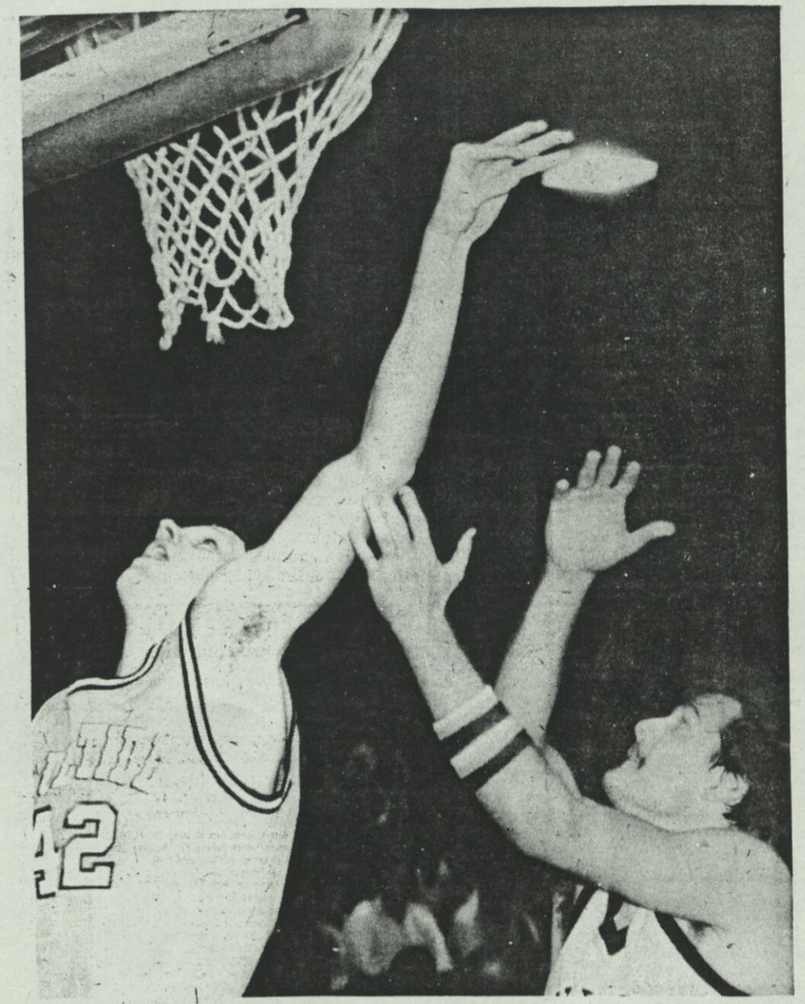
Mark Blackwell hit for Mary Washington and teammate Berry McCormick made one of two from the charity stripe to boost the Blue Tide lead to 74-69 with only 49 seconds to play. Ron Pritchett came back with a 2-pointer for the Gulls but Tim Jones made two free throws to hold the MWC lead at 76-71 at the 20 second mark.

Dave Pritchett scored immediately for SSC but McCormick sank two from the foul line to end the game.

The win not only gave the Virginia team the conference championship but it snapped the Gulls' home game winning streak at 14 in a row. The Tide also denied Salisbury's Ed Jones the chance to reach 1,000 career points. Jones netted 10 points in reaching the heart-breaking number of 999 points.

Tony Parris, who tallied 16 points for Washington, was more fortunate as he reached the 1,000 point plateau early in the second half before fouling out of the game in the opening seconds of the first overtime period.

The Pritchett brothers topped the SSC scorers as Ron netted 22 and Dave chipped in with 18 markers. The Blue Tide's Buddy Hawley tallied 19 points and was selected as the game's most valuable player.



JONES SCORES. Salisbury State center Ed Jones, right, scores over the out-stretched defense of Mark Blackwell of Mary Washington College during Saturday night's championship of the Capital Conference at SSC, won by MWC. Jones finished the game with his career 999th point. (Photo By George McKiernan)

No. 2 SSC Set For South Test In Division III

By GEORGE MCKIERNAN
Special To The Times

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College (22-5) is the No. 2 seed in the South Region of NCAA Division III playoffs which will be held at Wayne, N.J., on Friday and Saturday.

SSC will face the No. 3 seed, Trenton State College (22-5), Friday night at 6:30. The top seed is the host team, William Paterson College (21-6), which will take on fourth seeded Roanoke College in the 8:30 contest. The two winners will meet at 8:30 Saturday night for the South title.

On Saturday, March 9, the South winner will oppose the East Region leader for a spot among the final four teams that will compete for the national chamionship.

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Seedings for the East, which will also begin play Friday, are as follows: 1 — Potsdam (N.Y.) College, 2 — Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y. 3 — Buffalo State College, 4 — Winner of tonight's contest between Alfred (N.Y.) University and St. Lawrence (N.Y.) College.

Although the Sea Gulls lost the Capital Conference title game here Saturday night to Mary Washington College, 78-73, in double overtime, coach Ward Lambert feels very optimistic about his team's chances in the South tourney.

"I think we got a good draw and we have already beaten two of the four teams, Trenton State, 67-66, and Roanoke, 60-59," said Lambert.

"While all the teams are tough we won't be intimidated by any of them," continued the coach. "However, we must regain our intensity, which we must have to play well. Against Mary Washington we probably had our poorest offensive outing of the season and our defense could not pick us up."

In the game with the Blue Tide, SSC could not get a sustained drive really going at any time in the contest. Trailing 34-30 at halftime, the Gulls allowed MWC to spurt to a 41-32 edge in less than three minutes into the second half. Salisbury State chipped away at the Tide's lead behind the shooting of Ed Jones, Scott Smith and the Pritchett brothers, Ron and Dave, and when Smith sank one of his patented jumpers from the corner to tie the game at 51-51, it looked as though the Gulls were ready to roll.

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However, the Fsedericksburg, Va., team regained the edge and SSC had to fight to tie it up again and force the game into overtime.

Tied 67-67 after the first overtime period, the Tide took charge in the beginning of the second extra period and went on to win the game and the conference playoff title.

Salisbury State will be appearing in post season basketball play for the first time in the school's history, after concluding its finest season ever.

MARY WASHINGTON (78)
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SALISBURY STATE (73)
Hebron 1 0-0 2, Smith 4 2-2 10, Baltimore 1 1-4 3, McShea 0 0-0 0, Sheets 0 0-0 0, R. Pritchett 6 10-13 22, Alexander 1 1-2 3, D. Pritchett 9 0-1 18, Carter 2 1-1 5, Jones 4 2-2 10, Wainwright 0 0-0 0. Totals 28-70 17-24 73.
Halftime: Mary Washington 34, Salisbury St. 30. Fouled out—Hawley, Farris. Rebounds—Mary Washington 42 (Farris 9), Salisbury St. (R. Pritchett 11). Assists—Mary Washington 17 (Smith, Hawley 4), Salisbury St. 19 (Smith 5). Total fouls—Mary Wahington 24, Salisbury St. 25. Technicals—none. A—1,219.

Sea Gulls Begin Tournament Flights

SSC, Trenton Similarities Are Unique

WAYNE, N.J. — The similarities between No. 10 ranked Salisbury State College and No. 18 ranked Trenton State are quite remarkable, to say the least.

The two schools bring indentical 22-5 records into tonight's first round game of their NCAA Division III South Atlantic Regional Basketball Tournament, but the likenesses only begin there.

The NCAA postseason appearance is a first for the two teams, a school-record 22 wins in one season is shared by both clubs and ironically enough, both schools suffered double-overtime setbacks in their conference championship games.

And to add fuel to the fire, there's no love lost between the two schools either.

"Our kids just plain don't like their kids," said Trenton State coach Kevin Bannon in a recent issue of the *Trenton Times*.

The Lions are licking their chops at the opportunity to face Salisbury since suffering an emotional 67-66 loss to the Sea Gulls in the championship game of the Gull Classic two months ago.

At the time, Salisbury had been only the second team to beat Trenton State, which followed the loss with a string of 15 consecutive wins before losing twice to No. 13 ranked William Paterson — the tournament's host and No. 1 seed.

Salisbury, the tourney's No. 2 seed will face No. 3 seed Trenton tonight at 6:30, while William Paterson meets No. 4 seed Roanoke College at 8:30.

The regional championship final is set for Saturday at 8:30, following the consolation game at 6:30.

The South Atlantic champion will advance to the Division III quarterfinals against the winner of this weekend's Eastern Regional next Saturday. The National Championships will be held March 15-16 at Calvin College in Grand Rapid, Mich.

Prior to last Saturday's 78-73 double-overtime loss to Mary Washington in the championship game of the Capital Conference Tournament, Salisbury was preparing to host the South Regional playoffs, but the loss combined with a William Paterson win determined the Gulls' fate. The Gulls had demolished MWC, 91-69, four days earlier.

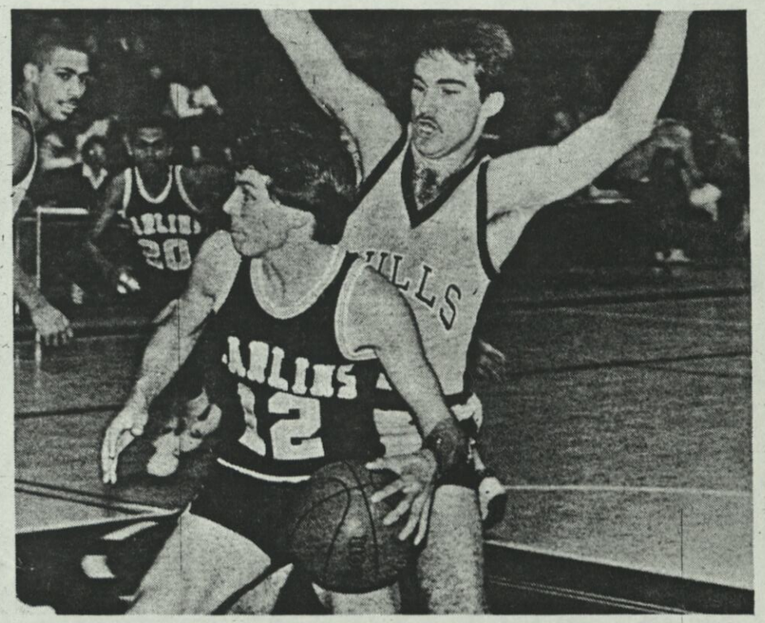
Salisbury is 10-4 on the road this season and had hoped to use its 12-1 record at home to sure up the home court advantage. SSC is 4-1 at neutral sites.

The Ward Lambert-coached Sea Gulls have relied heavily on their pressure defense and bench strength which goes three and four deep.

Spearheading the Gulls' offense is 6-foot senior guard Scott Smith, who leads the team in scoring averaging 15 points per game. Freshman forward Ron Pritchett (6-1) is second behind Smith in scoring with a 14.4 per-game norm, while his older brother Dave (6-2), a junior forward, is third with a 12.6 points per-game average.

Center Ed Jones (6-4, senior) supplies the muscle inside for the Gulls, averaging 7-3 rebounds and 11.4 points.

Seniors Joe McShea (5-9) and Brett Carter (6-1) have shared starting duties in the backcourt along with Smith. Another key off the bench has been freshman forward Ralph Baltimore (6-5), who averages 8.8 points and 2.8 rebounds.



PRESSURE. Senior guard Scott Smith, right, of Salisbury State College, applies pressure to an opponent during an earlier game this season. Smith is averaging around 15 points per game and could be a key figure tonight in Salisbury's first round Division III South Regional Tournament game against Trenton State. (Times Photo)

WPC, Trenton State advance to final

Pioneers sparked by Morales

By ED BARMAKIAN

Gino Morales came up with five points, two steals and an assist in overtime to boost William Paterson over Roanoke of Virginia, 71-68, last night in the semifinals of the NCAA Division III South Atlantic Regional before 1,800 at the William Paterson Recreation Center in Wayne.

The victory set up an all-New Jersey regional final tonight in the same gym at 8. Prince Bannister came off the bench to score 20 points and lead Trenton State College past Salisbury State of Maryland, 75-62, in the first game of the doubleheader. William Paterson and Trenton State will be clashing for the fourth time with WPC having won twice.

Morales, a sophomore guard who came off the bench, opened the scoring in overtime when he drove for a baseline jumper. The Emerson of Union City graduate later made a steal and was fouled. He hit the front end of a one and one for a 64-61 WPC lead with 1:40 left in the extra session.

The teams traded a foul shot before Morales picked up a loose ball and hit King ahead of the field for a layup and a 67-62 advantage with 1:03 showing. Lewis and Morales each sank both ends of a one and one, the latter with seven seconds left, to seal the victory.

Roanoke (21-8), which had beaten William Paterson in the regional final in overtime two years ago, had opened a 46-32 lead in the second half. But William Paterson (21-6), led by Don Forster and Andy King, rallied to take a 51-48 lead with 8:16 to play.

Forster ignited the comeback with a driving layup along the baseline and King scored on a fast-break off a steal by J. J. Lewis. After Jim Rocco hit a jumper for Roanoke, WPC scored the next 15 points. The 6-2 Forster scored on another drive and hit five free throws. King contributed a jumper and then made a steal and went the length of the court for a basket that put the Wayne school on top, 49-48.

King's jumper from the side off a pass from Lewis had given WPC a 61-57 lead with 3:29 to go in regulation. Roanoke's Rocco put in a rebound and Reggie Thomas, an All-America guard, nailed a corner jumper with 1:31 left to knot the score at 61-61. WPC held for one shot, but Forster's short baseline jumper missed with two seconds left.

King, who made eight of 12 shots from the floor, and Forster each finished with 16 points. Morales got 11 of his 13 points after intermission. Teammate Ray McAdams pulled down 17 rebounds in the game.

Thomas led all scorers with 23 points, but hit just four of 16 from the field in the second half.

Bannister's 13 points in the second half for Trenton State were instrumental in staving off a rally by Salisbury (22-6). The Maryland school had put together an eight-point run to close to within 41-40.

But Trenton responded with an 8-0 streak. Tom Murphy put in two baskets to start the run. Bannister, a junior guard, followed with two free throws and John McMurtrie ended the streak with a field goal inside.

Ron Pritchett, who scored 18 of his 26 points in the second half, interrupted the skein with a jump shot. But Bannister came up with a steal and was fouled driving to the basket. The Atlantic City native converted both shots and then scored on a fast-break layup off a Jim Collins block and a long pass from Murphy to send Trenton to a 53-42 lead with 9:58 left.

Pritchett, who combined with his brother, Dave, to score 24 of Salisbury's 32 points in the second half, scored again before Trenton put it away with six straight points.

TRENTON STATE—75
Murphy 4-2-10, Polnitz 5-1-11, Bannister 6-8-20, Gilmore 0-0-0, Bowman 7-3-17, Collins 0-2-2, McMurtrie 5-5-15.
Totals: 27-21-75

SALISBURY STATE—62
McShea 1-4-6, Smith 2-0-4, Hebron 0-0-0, Baltimore 0-2-2, R. Pritchett 10-6-26, Alexander 0-0-0, D. Pritchett 6-2-14, Carter 1-0-2, Jones 3-0-6, Wainwright 1-0-2.
Totals: 24-14-62

Halftime: Trenton State 37-30.

WILLIAM PATERSON—71
Green 3-0-6, McAdams 3-0-6, Morales 4-5-13, King 8-0-16, Forster 5-6-16, Alston 0-0-0, Lewis 6-2-14.
Totals: 29-13-71

ROANOKE—68
Lowry 1-2-4, Burrell 0-0-0, Thomas 11-1-23, Preyer 0-0-0, Abernathy 5-2-12, Pennix 2-1-5, Small 5-2-12, Winans 2-0-4, Rocco 4-0-8.
Totals: 30-8-68

William Paterson	30	31	10	—71
Roanoke	36	25	7	—68

SSC's Championship Bid Screeches To Halt

WAYNE, N.J. — Welcome to the NCAA Division III basketball playoffs.

It wasn't a pleasant time for Salisbury State College in their first ever postseason appearance here Friday night, in fact, it could be classified as a nightmare.

The Sea Gulls, ranked 10th among Division III schools, were exploited by an aggressive Trenton State defense and fell short in a second half comeback as the Lions defeated SSC 75-62 in a first round game of the South Atlantic Regional Tournament at William Paterson College.

William Paterson defeated Roanoke College in overtime 71-68 in the other first round game Friday night. WP will face Trenton in tonight's 8 p.m. championship final, while SSC will meet Roanoke in the 6 p.m. consolation game for third place.

Trenton's defense held Salisbury's leading scorer guard Scott Smith to a season low four points and dominated the inside game, limiting center Ed Jones to just six points.

Trialing 41-32 early in the second half, Salisbury scored eight unanswered points — four each from Ron Prichett and Jones to cut the Lions' lead to one point, 41-40, with 13:59 remaining in the game.

The one-point difference was a close as Salisbury would get the rest of the game and with leading scorer freshman guard Prince Bannister canning 13 of his 20 points from off the bench down the stretch, Trenton coasted to the win.

TRENTON STATE took an early 14-8 lead in the first half, before Salisbury took its first lead of the game on a jump shot by Dave Pritchett with 11:48 remaining.

The lead changed hands three times before senior Ronnie Wainwright sank a 10-foot jumper at 8:44, enabling Salisbury to tie the game for the last time at 22-22.

Bannister coverted a three-point play with 7:50 remaining and Trenton established a 37-30 lead at the intermission.

"We came out very tentative in the first half and Trenton played great defense," said Salisbury head coach Ward Lambert. "They forced us out of our offense early and made us play their game.

"We used our quick defense to get back in the game," explained Lambert, refering to Salisbury's second half rally. "But, that forced us to give up our offensive strength and that hurt.

"Ron (Pritchett) was the only offense we seemed to be able to get," said Lambert, praising the game-high 26 points (six rebounds) his freshman forward produced. "We just couldn't move the ball."

ALONG WITH Bannister, junior forward Anthony Bowan scored in double figures with 17 points and seven rebounds, while junior forward John McMurtrie added 15 points and senior guard Terry Polnitz had 11.

Dave Pritchett followed his younger brother with 14 points and led the Sea Gulls in rebounding with seven.

Jones scored the Gulls first bucket of the game for his 1,000th career point. He has now scored 1,005 points.

Salisbury State shot 14-of-20 from the floor in the second half for a blistering 70 percent, compared to 40 percent shooting in the first half.

Trenton set and early tone underneath in the first half and outrebounded the Gulls 14-9. The Lions shot 58 percent from the floor in the first half.

Score by halves:

Trenton State	37	38	—75
Salisbury State	30	32	—62

TRENTON (75)
Murphy 4 2-3 10, Polnitz 5 1-2 11, Bannister 6 8-9 20, Bowman 7 3-7 17, Collins 0 2-3 2, McMurtrie 5 5-7 15. (Totals: 27 21-31 75)

SALISBURY (62)
McShea 1 4-4 6, Smith 2 0-0 4, Baltimore 0 2-2 2, R. Pritchett 10 6-7 26, D. Pritchett 6 2-2 14, Carter 1 0-0 2, Jones 3 0-0 6, Wainwright 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 24 14-15 62)

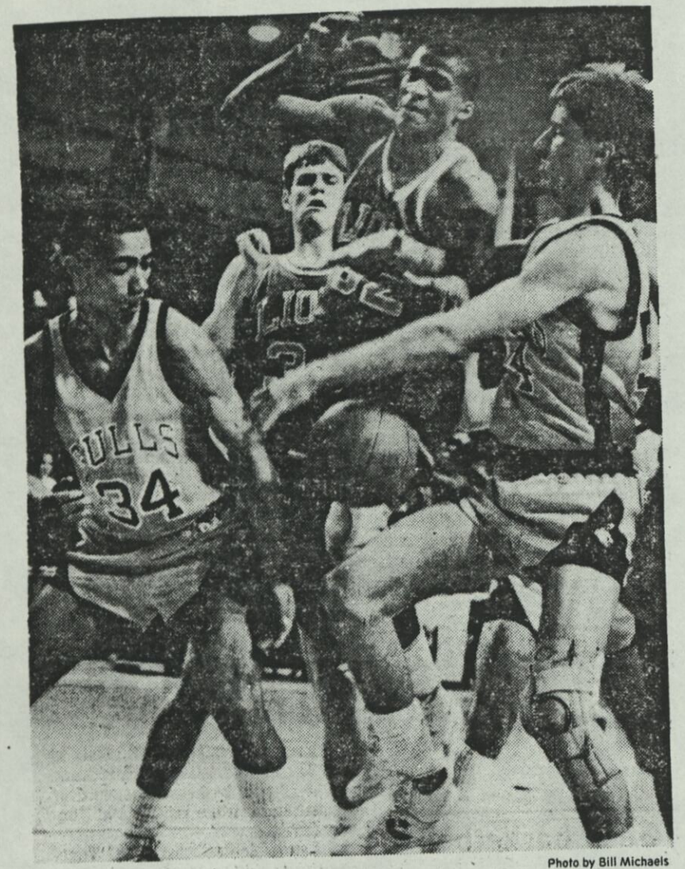


Photo by Bill Michaels

Trenton State's Anthony Bowman (center) battles Salisbury State's Dave Pritchett (left) and Dave Pakulniewicz for rebound last night

SSC Drops Roanoke 98-83

Smith Ignites Sea Gulls With 25 Points

WAYNE, N.J. — The senior-laden Salisbury State College men's basketball team turned in a fine season-ending performance on Saturday night in the consolation game of the NCAA South Atlantic Regional Tournament, soundly defeating Roanoke College, 98-83.

"The seniors played unbelievably well," said coach Ward Lambert, "they took the leadership role the way they've done all year. It typifies the season."

Senior Scott Smith tossed in 25 points to lead the Sea Gulls, who finished the year with a 23-6 mark, and more importantly regained a little respect after Friday night's disheartening loss to Trenton State.

Salisbury rolled out to an 18-10 lead and picked up the tempo from there as the Maroons were not match for the Sea Gulls. In all, six SSC players hit for double-figures, led by Smith.

Seniors Brett Carter, Ed Jones, Joe McShea and Ronnie Wainwright joined Smith in closing out their careers at SSC in the school's most productive season ever. Carter and Jones were among the double-figure scorers with 13 and 12 points respectively.

The Gulls rolled to the largest lead of the game with 6:20 showing on the clock, 84-59. The only thing the Gulls failed to successfully achieve Saturday night was the century-mark, reaching 100 points.

Dave Pritchett tossed in 18 more points for the Gulls while Ralph Baltimore and Ron Pritchett finished with 12 and 10 respectively.

Roanoke was led by Shane Abernathy and all-America Reggie Thomas who scored 24 and 20 points respectively.

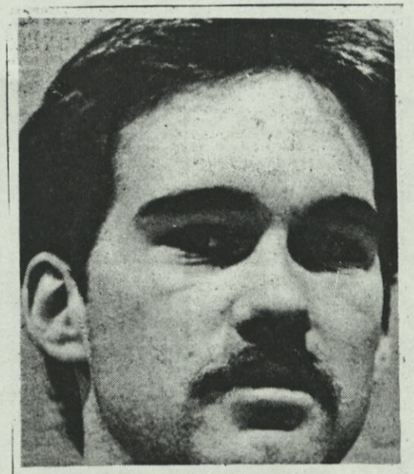
Score by halves:			
Roanoke	20	63	—83
Salisbury	39	59	—98

ROANOKE (83)

Gaines 1-0-2, Kley 1-7-9, Thomas 8-4-20, Abernathy 10-4-24, Pennix 2-0-4, Morris 1-0-2, Sine 6-0-12, Small 1-0-2, Rocco 4-0-8. Totals: 34-15-83

SALISBURY (98)

McShea 1-0-2, Smith 11-3-25, Sheets 1-0-2, Baltimore 4-4-12, R. Pritchett 3-4-10, D. Pritchett 8-2-18, Carter 6-1-13, Jones 5-2-12, Wainwright 2-0-4. Totals: 41-16-98



Scott Smith

DIV. III POLL

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — The Top 20 teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III basketball poll, with this season's records through February 25:

1.	Wittenberg, Ohio	25-3
2.	Widener, Pa.	22-5
3.	Hope, Mich.	21-3
4.	North Park, Ill.	22-4
5.	Nebraska Wesleyan	20-4
6.	Colby, Maine	22-2
7.	Otterbein, Ohio	22-3
8.	Potsdam St., N.Y.	23-3
9.	Augsburg, Minn.	21-5
10.	SALISBURY ST., MD.	22-5
11.	Clark, Mass.	19-5
12.	North Central, Ill.	20-5
13.	Wm. Paterson, N.J.	20-6
14.	Wash. & Jeff.	18-4
15.	LeMoyne-Owen, Tn.	20-6
16.	DePauw, Ind.	21-5
17.	Wis.-Whitewater	19-7
18.	Trenton St., N.J.	22-5
19.	Greensboro, N.C.	20-4
20.	Buffalo St., N.Y.	21-4
(tie)	Albany, N.Y.	21-5

DIV. III PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

Friday, March 1

First Round

Northeast Regional

At Worcester, Mass.
Clark 88, Westfield 78
Worcester Tech 58, Albany St. 57, OT

Mid-Atlantic Regional

At Scranton, Pa.
Widener 54, Lycoming 52
Scranton 85, Wash. & Jeff. 74

South Atlantic Regional

At Wayne, N.J.
Trenton St. 75, Salisbury St., 62
Wm. Paterson 71, Roanoke 68, OT

East Regional

At Oneonta, N.Y.
Buffalo St. 76, Alfred 68
Potsdam St. 63, Hartwick 62

Great Lakes Regional

At Springfield, Ohio
Hope 78, Otterbein 71
Wittenberg 70, DePauw 62

Midwest Regional

At Chicago
Wis.-Whitewater 72, N. Central 53
North Park 95, Monmouth, Ill. 55

West Regional

At Lincoln, Neb.
Central, Iowa 72, Redlands 64
Neb. Wesleyan 74, St. John's, Minn. 56

South Regional

At Greensboro, N.C.
Centre 66, Greensboro 52
LeMoyne-Owen 74, Augsburg 55

Saturday, March 2

Regional Finals

Middle Atlantic

At Scranton, Pa.

Championship

Widener 55, Scranton 53, OT

Third Place

Lycoming 102, Wash. & Jeff. 92, 2OT

Northeast Regional

At Worcester, Mass.

Championship

Worcester Tech 97, Clark 62

Third Place

Albany St. 78, Westfield St. 78

South Atlantic Regional

At Wayne, N.J.

Championship

William Paterson 59, Trenton 48

Third Place

Salisbury St. 98, Roanoke 83

East Regional

At Oneonta, N.Y.

Championship Game

Potsdam St. 69, Buffalo St. 56

Third Place

Hartwick 52, Alfred 47

Great Lakes Regional

At Springfield, Ohio

Championship

Wittenberg 68, Hope 63

Third Place

Otterbein 79, DePauw 78

Midwest Regional

At Chicago

Championship

North Park 83, Wis.-Whitewater 81

Third Place

Monmouth, Ill. 69, N. Central 66

West Regional

At Lincoln, Neb.

Championship

Nebraska Wesleyan 76, Cent. Iowa 54

Third Place

Redlands 80, St Johns 70

South Regional

At Greensboro, N.C.

Championship

Centre 91, LeMoyne-Owen 72

Third Place

Greensboro 83, Augsburg 69

Quarterfinals

March 8-9

Widener, 24-5 at Worcester Tech, 19-7
Wm. Paterson, 22-6 at Potsdam St., 25-3
Wittenberg, 27-3 at North Park, 24-4
Neb. Wesleyan, 22-4 at Centre, 19-7

Gulls' Smith Named To All-South Team

SALISBURY — Salisbury State College senior guard Scott Smith was named to the All-South Atlantic Regional second team Monday by the National Association of Basketball Writers.

Smith, a graduate of Wicomico Senior High School, finished his four-year starting career averaging just over 15 points a game and is the Sea Gulls' all-time assists leader with more than 500. The six-footer finished with over 1,400 points.